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March 15th teacher strike action

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, teachers in the NEU have voted to take strike action.

This year, teachers and teaching assistants have been offered a pay increase; however, this was not funded by the government so our school budget is significantly less than in previous years. Clearly, this has had a direct impact on what we can offer your children. With rising prices for equipment and utilities, all schools, including ours, are struggling to balance their budgets.

Up until this point, we have been able to stay open for all students as we had sufficient staff during the first strike day. We also expect we expect to be fully open for all children on the next strike day on 1st March. More staff have now indicated that they wish to support the campaign for better government funding for staff pay.

I now expect the majority of our teachers will strike on 15th March only, I expect to be open for all children on 16th March.

This means that it will not be safe to open the school for children on 15th March. Please therefore assume that we will be closed for all children unless you are contacted.

While we understand that this will cause inconvenience, the safety of children must be prioritised and we need to ensure that we have enough cover for first aid, children with additional needs, and adequate break and lunch cover.

Although teachers are not required to, and are being encouraged by unions not to communicate their strike plans with headteachers, our teachers wanted to ensure that parents had as much time as possible to arrange child care.

If you have any questions about this, please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

Jon Bacon
Headteacher

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NEU Strike Action Days

Wednesday March 1st	School expected to be open as normal. <i>Children should come to school unless we contact you.</i>
Wednesday March 15th	School expected to be closed. <i>Children should NOT come to school unless we contact you.</i>
Thursday March 16th	School expected to be open as normal. <i>Children should come to school unless we contact you.</i>

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