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Dear Parents/Carers

As many of you are aware from the news, there is currently considerable industrial action nationally across many sectors. Recently, the teaching unions have balloted their members and I am writing to inform you that the NEU union has confirmed they are proposing four strike dates over the next two months.

While this will not involve all of our teachers, it is one of the biggest teaching unions, and we anticipate this could cause some disruption across our three schools. In order to keep you fully informed I can confirm the set dates are as follows:

Wednesday 1 February 2023  
Thursday 2 March 2023  
Wednesday 15 March 2023  
Thursday 16 March 2023

Headteachers are currently liaising with teaching staff in order to plan appropriately. Where possible we hope each school will remain open but until we have an indication of the number of staff proposing to strike we cannot confirm the schools will be operating as normal. This will depend on whether we have sufficient staff to run classes and open the schools safely.

This is a rare event for schools and we will look to limit the impact as we did during the last strike actions when Wildern School was able to remain open for specific year groups. Again, any operational decisions will depend on the numbers of staff involved.

Headteachers will communicate to their parents as soon as they have the information needed to inform their plans. These decisions may vary across our schools and will be based on each school's context. For now, please take note of the set dates.

Yours faithfully

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Executive Headteacher