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Dear parents/carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU Teachers Union have declared strike action. The planned action that will affect our Academy will take place on:

- **1 February:** All schools in England and Wales
- **1 March:** East Midlands, West Midlands, and the NEU's eastern region
- **15 and 16 March:** All schools in England and Wales

The strike is happening because of a national dispute about teacher and support staff pay and its funding by the Government in schools and colleges, and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on those dates. We are carefully considering our options which are dependent on each individual school's circumstances. We are also completing a risk assessment to ensure that any decision is an informed one and correctly considers safety.

We recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for these dates, as it may be necessary.

I'm sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. National remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible. We will send our final arrangements out via parent mail and also place details on our academy website as soon as they are available.

Kindest regards,

Mr M Brailsford
Headteacher

Vision: 'Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

