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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the Teaching Union NEU has declared further strike action, which will take place on the following dates:

- Thursday 2nd March 2023 (South East regional strike)
- Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023.

The strike is continuing because of a national dispute between the Unions and the Government over making available additional and sufficient funds to allow employers (the school) to pay a full funded increase in teachers' pay.

I do support any teacher that decides to take strike action and all colleagues that have made this difficult decision, have been supportive to me and I hope vice-versa. It is also my responsibility to try and ensure that the school remains open, if safe to do so. At the time of writing we will have three classes affected, but I believe that with other colleagues covering, we will be able to keep all classes open. I believe that I can legally and morally cover all the classes with staff safely but also ensure the children have familiar adults.

I would also say that although we are not currently having to restrict access to education for any of our children, that strike action does lead to disruption in the school and that this is the result of national dispute between Unions and the Government.

Yours Sincerely,

C Kelly

Mr C Kelly
Headteacher