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Dear Parent/Carer,

Teaching unions representing all of our teaching staff have declared 'strike' action which will take place on the morning of Tuesday 21st February 2023. Teaching unions have asked their members to withdraw their labour from 1am to 12pm as part of their ongoing industrial action.

A significant number of our teaching staff are planning to participate in this strike. Following completion of a risk assessment, and in consultation with the Board of Governors, it has been decided that our school will remain **closed** to pupils on the morning of Tuesday February 21st until 12pm.

School will be open for pupils at 12 noon when the industrial action finishes.

This decision has been taken in light of our reduced capacity to safely supervise and provide for all pupils, including those with additional needs. It is not lawful for the school to use classroom assistants and/or supply teachers to cover the work of colleagues who are absent due to the strike, and so the challenge to maintain a normal and safe school day is significant.

Lunches/dinners will operate as normal on this date. *(Estimated numbers for dinners on Tuesday 21st will be required so please inform us/your child on Monday 20th if he/she will require dinner on the 21st.)*

Buses will **not** operate at 12 noon on Tuesday 21st February but **will** operate normally at 2pm and 3pm. Teachers will post afternoon activities on Seesaw/Google Classroom to accommodate children who are unable to get to school due to lack of transport.

I am aware that school closures inconvenience parents and carers, and so, am writing to give you as much advance notice as possible so that you can make the necessary arrangements for your child(ren).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mary Redmond

Principal