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Dear Parents / Carers

National Education Union (NEU) STRIKE ACTION – February and March 2023

You will probably be aware from the news that the National Education Union (NEU) have balloted their members and confirmed strike action on selected dates in February and March 2023. This is a national dispute and is therefore not confined to this school or Local Authority alone. The industrial action may result in classes or whole schools closing across the country.

The dates for the industrial action are:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales
- Tuesday 14 February 2023: all eligible members in Wales
- Tuesday 28 February 2023: all eligible members in the following English regions: Northern, Northwest, Yorkshire & The Humber
- Wednesday 1 March 2023: all eligible members in the following English regions: East Midlands, West Midlands, Eastern
- Thursday 2 March 2023: all eligible members in the following English regions: London, Southeast, Southwest
- Wednesday 15 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales
- Thursday 16 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales

At Castlecroft Primary School, this will mean that we cannot provide our statutory provision on the relevant above dates. The decision to close the school to all or some groups of children is never taken lightly. However, where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, we have to consider very carefully if we are able to make suitable arrangements to ensure the health, safety and well-being of children throughout the day.

In the event that the industrial action goes ahead, some areas of our provision **will** be affected. On Wednesday 1st February Year 1, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6 and Morning Nursery (30 hours children can attend from 12.30), **will be affected and school will be closed to pupils in those classes** on that day.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, and would like to thank you for your cooperation during these difficult times. I will confirm closer to the dates of the next scheduled days of industrial action (March 1st, 15th and 16th) how school will be affected.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Dyall
Headteacher