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Beechfield School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

NEU Industrial Action

You may be aware that members of the National Education Union - the NEU - have voted in favour of strike action.

Action is planned to take place on the following days:

- 1 February 2023
- 1 March 2023
- 15 March 2023
- 16 March 2023

This is the result of a national pay dispute between Education unions and the government. This is not due to any actions taken by the school, and it is a matter for the unions and the government to resolve independently of the school.

We are writing to ensure you have sufficient notice of what this may mean for your child's attendance on those dates. The school's commitment is to your child's health, safety and wellbeing – we are undertaking a risk assessment to determine if we can safely open as usual on these dates. Please be aware however, that it may be the case that the school needs to fully close, or restrict attendance.

Currently, **no** staff have informed the school that they will be striking on these days, therefore we anticipate that school will be **open as usual**. Having said this, I would like to make it clear that this situation could change, as staff are not obliged to tell the school in advance if they intend to strike. It could be beneficial for you to prepare for the possibility that school may have to close and to consider alternative childcare arrangements. If your child attends after school provision at Orchard School, please be aware that this could be cancelled if Orchard is closed.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please come and talk to us.

We will keep you up-to-date with any further arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

Gillian Jackson
Headteacher

"Be Kind, Work Hard, Love Learning"
