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Dear parents/carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU teacher's union have declared strike action, which will take place on the following dates:

1<sup>st</sup> February 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible and whilst we are considering several options my hope is that the school will remain open as usual. However, teachers who intend to strike do not need to inform the school until the morning of the strike action; with this in mind it may be sensible to organise alternative child care arrangements for these dates as a precaution.

I'm sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Archbishop Courtenay Primary School 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Heather or Mrs Bond at 01622 754666.

Kind regards,

Sue Heather

Headteacher









