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Dear Parents and Carers

You will have seen in the news the recent announcement from the National Education Union (NEU) regarding strike action of staff on the following dates for the South West: 1st February, 2nd March and 15-16th March 2023.

As you will understand, the scale of the strike action means we will need to make changes to our provision as a school on these specific dates. A significant number of staff are members of the NEU and it is highly likely they will be taking strike action. As a result we will need to make decisions regarding which year groups will attend school and will prioritise exam year groups. We will communicate this with all families in advance. Year groups who are at home on these days will be directed to resources on Google classroom, SENECA, Sparx and other online resources.

We understand that you may be frustrated about further disruption to your child's education, in particular after the last two years. There will be different points of view across our school community and please be reassured that none of our staff have taken this action lightly. It is a reflection of a much wider picture exacerbated by the current cost of living and general funding for state education. All our staff remain committed to supporting our families and working within our school. We ask that you are respectful and understanding of these difficult decisions and we will try our hardest to provide the least disruption possible during this period.

Many thanks for your patience and understanding.

Best wishes



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