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Dear Families.

TEACHERS' STRIKE ACTION

As you are already aware, the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday 1st February Thursday 2nd March Wednesday 15th March Thursday 16th March

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

On the dates above school will be partially closed to pupils in Year 5, Year 4, Year 3, Year 2 and Reception Class.

Pupils in Y1 and Y6 should come to school as usual

Breakfast club will be in operation, however, all after school clubs and activities will be cancelled. Therefore, children in Y1 and Y6 must be collected promptly at 3.30pm.

School lunches will be provided as usual.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect and understanding. Christ Church remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and to delivering high-quality teaching.

Please read the message to parents from the National Education Union as it will give you an insight in to why teachers are striking. If you are interested in showing your support for our teachers, they will be convening at Windrush Square next Wednesday at 10am and then moving on to Portland Place in London.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Jayne Mitchell Executive Headteacher