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'It Really Does Matter'

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Teacher Industrial Action: 1st February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I outlined in my letter earlier this week, the National Education Union (NEU) has announced that its members will be taking strike action on the following dates:

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

Although teachers are not obligated to share whether they are planning to take action until the morning of the strike, all of our teachers have let me know already so that I can share our plans with you.

Please note that the strike only affects children in classes where the teacher is a member of the NEU.

Therefore, I can confirm that the following classes will be **CLOSED** on Wednesday 1st February:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3LD• 3GE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4LM• 4HW• 4ML• 4RD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5AA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6AP• 6SW• 6KP• 6AB• 6JS
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Please note that pupils in these classes are not to attend school on this day, including before/after school clubs. Those children who are absent because of closed classes will have their absence authorised.

If you would like your child to do some home learning, they can select appropriate tasks from the Government endorsed 'Oak National Academy' (<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year>), children can also access TTRS, Spelling Shed and our Sora E-Book Platform.

I am genuinely sorry that some of you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child, and also for the corresponding disruption to their education. The Abbotswood teachers care passionately about your children and I hope that you can respect their decision to take 'unpaid' industrial action.

Lastly, please note that the strike is as a result of a national dispute between the unions and the Government over staff pay, conditions and the funding of schools; it is not because of issues at the

school. I do not wish to comment on whether austerity is a good or a bad thing. Yet, when it impacts negatively on children's futures in the long term, I cannot bring myself to support it. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to get in touch.

I look forward to seeing all of your children at the disco tonight. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Glenn Moore
Abbotswood Junior School