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Teacher Strikes

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the main teaching union, the NEU, has declared strike action. This will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Thursday 2nd March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

The reasons for this industrial action are manifold, yet are based upon more than a decade of underfunding for schools.

There are three teaching unions in total but only one of them will be taking industrial action on this occasion. The Abbotswood teachers are spread across these three unions so only Abbotswood teachers who are members of the NEU have been asked to strike in this instance.

Therefore, it is possible that learning for some children may be disrupted on these dates. I promise to let you all know the arrangements as soon as I have a clear picture of the situation.

Lastly, I just wanted to say that any of my teachers taking industrial action do so with a heavy heart. Yet, whether it be nurses or teachers, people do not vote to strike in their droves unless something is seriously wrong. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Glenn Moore
Headteacher