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Dear Parent/Carer

Planned Strike Action: Wednesday 1st February 2023

As I shared with you earlier this week, we have had confirmation that the National Education Union (NEU) has voted in favour of strike action.

What is the strike action about?

The strike action is not against the school, but in relation to a national dispute around teacher and school staff pay, inflation and the cost of living.

What will happen at school during the strike?

Headteachers are required by the Department of Education to take reasonable steps to keep the school open for as many pupils as possible, with priority given to ensure the health, safety and well-being of pupils and staff.

I can confirm that Captain Cook Primary will be partially open on Wednesday 1st February. **A notification will be sent via the School Gateway later today, to inform you if your child/ren will be affected by the industrial action.**

For all affected classes, children will not be attending school that day. Whilst there may be some disruption to planned learning, the health and safety of the children remains paramount.

What about Free School Meals?

Children who are not in school due to the strike, but who receive benefit-related free school meals will be able to collect a packed lunch from school. Further details will be sent later this week.

As with all industrial disputes, the situation can change as strike days get closer.

Further strike days for the NEU:

- Tuesday 28th February
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

Each strike day will be considered separately and so the arrangements for these days will be sent nearer the time.

Many thanks

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