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Dear parents/carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Further action is planned on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. We're considering several options, including closure of the school to some pupils.

**We recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for these dates.**

I'm sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. PACE and Launchpad remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and we will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.

Please ensure we have a current email address and telephone number so we can contact you.

If you have any questions, please contact the Teacher in Charge of the teaching base your child attends or Rachel Guyer on the contact details at the top of this letter.

Kind regards,

Rachel Guyer  
Head of School  
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