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Dear parents/carers,

Teacher Strikes

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action. The strikes will take place on 1 February, 2, 15 and 16 March. The strike is happening in result of a national dispute between the union and the government over pay and funding, and not because of any issues at our academy.

I am writing to give you as much notice as possible that your child's learning may be disrupted during this time. We are in the process of considering several options, including moving some lessons online and closing the school.

For this reason, we recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for these dates.

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

We recognise and respect the right of our staff to take part in industrial action and ask that all members of our community continue to treat each other with respect. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and apologise for any potential disruption caused.

Yours sincerely,

Dr John Smith Chief Executive The University of Brighton Academies Trust