LETTER TEMPLATE FOR PARENTS IN THE EVENT OF STRIKE ACTION

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| **NOTES:**  **Please delete the notes section in blue, once you have amended and adapted the letter.** |

Dear Parent/ Carers,

**Notification of closure/partial closure on Wednesday 1 February 2023**

We have been informed by the **NEU Trade Union** of its proposal to take strike action both nationally and regionally over a number of days.

The first day of strike action by NEU teacher members is planned to take place on **Wednesday 1st February 2023**. The NEU is in dispute with the Secretary of State for Education with regards to their failure to ensure enough money is available to pay a fully-funded increase in pay for teachers which at least matches inflation, and which begins to restore lost pay.

These are the possible dates for planned strike action:

* Wednesday 1 February 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales.
* Thursday 2 March 2023: all eligible members in the following English regions: London, South East, South West.
* Wednesday 15 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales.
* Thursday 16 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales.

As Headteacher, I have assessed the impact on the school of the strike action that is planned to take place on Wednesday 1 February 2023. After careful consideration, I have decided

that the school can remain open and all children will be expected to attend.

**OR**

that the school will need to close to pupils. Due to the number of staff involved, there will be serious operational difficulties. This decision has not been taken lightly and I regret needing to take this action, but there will not be sufficient staff in school to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all the children.

Where possible, remote learning tasks will be provided for those children remaining at home.

**[NOTE: you can elaborate on this.]**

**OR**

that the school will **only be open** for classes/pupils XXXXX. **All other classes XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX will be closed.**

**[NOTE: you can elaborate on this.]**

This decision has not been taken lightly, and whilst I regret needing to take this action, it is done to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils.

Where possible remote learning tasks will be provided for those children remaining at home.

**[NOTE: you can elaborate on this.]**

**[NOTE: if the school is intending to make any provision for school food, please also include this.]**

I apologise sincerely for the difficulties these arrangements will cause to parents and carers, but unfortunately these circumstances are beyond our control.

The school will open as normal on **Thursday 2nd February 2023**.

If you have any queries or concerns, please let me know.

Yours sincerely