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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Planned strike action at Carclaze Primary School on:

- Wednesday 1 February
- Thursday 2 March
- Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March

We write further to our previous correspondence to update you on the progress of our contingency planning during the forthcoming strike action in schools.

Background

We have had confirmation from NEU that members of the union intend to take formal industrial action by participating in a strike which will take place on Wednesday 1 February, Thursday 2 March, Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March.

The strike action is in relation to a national dispute around teacher and school staff pay. I wanted to take this opportunity to further explain the dispute and to also outline the school's plans during the strike.

What is the dispute which has led to the strike about?

As you may know, over the summer the Department for Education agreed to a 5% pay rise for teachers. Teaching unions across England and Scotland, including NEU are in dispute with the Department for Education regarding their request for teachers pay to keep up with inflation and the cost of living.

What will happen at the school during the strike?

Carclaze School will remain fully open on day 1 (Wednesday 1st February) of the strike action. Staff will retain the right to participate in the later dates. If they decide to strike then we will give parents as much notice as possible.

As the school is open, it is a requirement that you send your child to school as the Department for Education expects all school-registered children of compulsory school age to be in attendance on school opening days



Lastly, we want to take this opportunity to reiterate that your child's education is important to *all* staff at Carclaze School. We hope that by putting in place these contingency plans we can limit any impact the strike could have to your child's education.

Yours sincerely

S. Pollard

Mr Simon Pollard and the Carclaze Team



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