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Dear Parents and Carers

Industrial Action - Teachers

You may be aware from the media that one of the national teaching unions, the NEU, announced yesterday that their members have voted to take industrial action. This action, commonly known as strike action, will be happening on four dates across February and March as follows:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Thursday 2 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023.
- Thursday 16 March 2023

The NEU statement about this is:

The ballot is a result of failure by the Secretary of State in England and the employers in Wales 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.

While the impact of the strikes on each of the schools in the Diocese of Gloucester Academies Trust is not yet known, I am writing to advise you of the dates so you can make contingency plans in case your child's class is impacted by the strike. Due to the nature of the rules around strike action, it is unlikely that your school will be able to give you very much notice about any closed classes or changes to the usual school provision.

I am currently working with the headteachers across our 19 schools to make preparations and we will communicate information to you as soon as we are able to.

With best wishes



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Chief Executive Officer