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**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Industrial Action – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, the NEU (National Education Union) have declared industrial action for teaching staff. This is planned to take place on 1st February, 28th February, 15th March and 16th March. The strike action 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.

**The first day of strike action is Wednesday 1st February 2023.**

This action will have an impact on Ox Close Federation and will result in a partial closure for the Primary.

The following classes will be affected on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February:

<b>RP – Mrs Paxton's Class</b>	PARTIAL CLOSURE Children in RP can come into school from 11:30am. They will have lunch in school as normal.
<b>5C – Mrs Cox's Class</b>	CLOSED ALL DAY
<b>6P – Mrs Payne's Class</b>	PARTIAL CLOSURE Children in 6P can come into school from 12:15pm. They will have lunch in school as normal.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NURSERY AND ALL OTHER CLASSES WILL REMAIN OPEN AS USUAL.**

I am grateful to the staff involved for sharing their intentions with me, as they are not legally required to do this and it has meant that we can inform you prior to the day. I must also state that changes may occur to other classes, but I will inform of these as I become aware.

I fully appreciate the difficulties this decision will present to many parents/carers, especially at short notice. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, however I ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

As noted, there are further strike dates planned, however as the situation is an evolving one, I will write to you at each point to inform you of the plans.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Miss A Bowden  
Deputy Executive Headteacher