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Dear Parents/Carers

INDUSTRIAL ACTION UPDATE

As you will be aware, Industrial Strike Action has been taken by certain teaching unions. The action is being taken for a number of reasons:

- The teaching profession is facing a severe recruitment crisis with 41% of teachers leaving the profession in the last 10 years.
- Education has been under funded for years and schools are finding it increasingly difficult to finance high quality education for your children.
- The recent pay award for teachers was under inflation, plus our schools were not given the money in their budgets to fund this.

The next planned action day are Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. Please note, staff are not required to inform us of their intention to strike so whilst we know these classes will definitely be closed on the above dates, we cannot guarantee that there will not be some last minute closures. If this is the case, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Please see below which classes are closed on these days:

All of our Early Years Provision

Reception

Class 1

Class 2 — Wednesday only

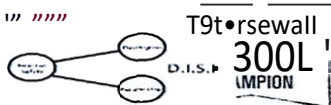
Class 3

Class 4

STRIVE - Key Stage 1 children

All other classes - Class 2 (open Thursday), Class 5, Class 6 and STRIVE Key Stage 2 - remain open and children should attend as normal.

Any child entitled to Free School Meals and who would like to order a lunch bag to collect between 12 and 1pm that day will receive an email on ParentMail to enable you to order one in advance.



We understand how disruptive school closures can be to parents/carers so we are providing you with as much notice as has been possible so that you can make arrangements for your children on those days. We apologise for this inconvenience but hope that you are able to support the action taken by our teachers, to ensure that schools are properly funded and that teachers stay in the profession for longer.

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Miss Naomi Henry

Acting Head of School