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Headteacher: Mr Andrew Miller

Friday 17 February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to inform you of arrangements for the second proposed day of strike action by The National Education Union (NEU) on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

While union members do not have to inform me if they are striking or not on each of the proposed strike dates, I am very grateful that at Mowbray the members have chosen to do so. We have worked with unions and staff members to try to minimise disruption as much as possible and as such we will be **fully open on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

While there will be much debate in the press about why these strikes are taking place, the main reason the NEU and other unions balloted their members about strike action is about the chronic underfunding of schools. Teacher pay is one symptom of this but there are many others – all of which have a damaging long-term effect on children's education.

Talks between the NEU and the government are continuing and we hold out hope that these will be successful meaning schools closing fully or partially will not happen. The situation though remains very complex and at present I do not know what the situation will be for the future proposed strike dates of:

- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023**
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**We recommend that you make initial alternative childcare arrangements for these dates in case you require it.**

I will inform you all as soon as I am able to with the arrangements for the future proposed dates.

Yours sincerely

*A. Miller*

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