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**Headteacher: Mr Andrew Miller**

AM/LH

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you to inform you of arrangements for the proposed days of strike action by The National Education Union (NEU) on Tuesday 2 May 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 2 May 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 there are no new dates of industrial action that have been proposed but will keep you informed if this changes.

Yours sincerely

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