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Dear Parents and Carers,

Arrangement for strike action – Wednesday 1st March

As you are aware, the National Education Union (NEU) will be holding industrial action on Wednesday 1st March for the East of England. Further action nationally is planned for Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. This action is in response to an ongoing national dispute with the government regarding pay and school funding.

Members of teaching staff are not required in law to tell us in advance whether they intend to take strike action, which makes it more difficult to gauge the impact this will have on our schools. As you know, the NEU is by far the largest teaching union at Priory Junior School, accounting for the vast majority of teaching staff. However, we expect the action to have a smaller impact on our school for the **Wednesday, 1st March**. We have given careful consideration to what is able to be offered on **Wednesday 1st March**. Safeguarding is a key consideration in any decision to close or partially close, under these circumstances.

Given our legal duty to ensure adequate health and safety and supervision on site. At this stage, we can confirm that the following **arrangements will apply for Wednesday, 1st March**:

The following groups / classes of children will be able to attend school on 1st March:

All children in Year 3

MD4, AN4, LF5, AI5, AG6 and HW6

Priory Junior School will not be open **for KBS6, AB5 and TH4**. We have identified children who we may be able to offer a place to on this day – who might otherwise be at home, and will contact families directly regarding this. Your child may be offered a place if they are classified as vulnerable or if you have completed our survey indicating you work in the NHS, education or adult social care and have no alternative cover on this date. Thank-you to all who have completed our survey regarding this.

Should anything change to these arrangements, we will let you know as soon as possible.



We will provide learning activities for the children to do while at home, on SeeSaw. If you need any help with accessing this, please contact the school office. These will not be marked by teachers who are striking, but feedback will be provided by other members of staff.

Thank you for your understanding as we navigate this. I am sorry for the disruption and concern that this is causing families. Please be assured that we have considered every alternative to closure and have tried to maximise the number of students we can safely accommodate in the school.

If you do have any concerns, then please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Keefe
Headteacher

