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Dear Parent/Carer.

## **Industrial Action by the National Education Union**

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action. The government and union leaders are continuing to hold discussions with the aim of avoiding industrial action. However, as it stands, the first day of potential strike action is Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February with further strike action to follow on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. The strike is happening as a result of a national dispute between the union and government over pay and funding and is not specific to High Ham C of E Primary School. As a school we recognise and respect the right of our staff to participate in industrial action should they wish to.

I am writing to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements. We are taking all necessary steps to try and keep our school open to all pupils, including carrying out relevant risk assessments. At this time, we are hoping that we will be able to remain open for all pupils, however, should this position change I will update you using our usual channels of communication (notice posted on twitter; front page of the website; email to all). The nature of industrial action means that this communication may not give you much time to make alternative arrangements (should we have to close some classes) and I appreciate that this may be challenging.

Ann Edwards

Acting Headteacher

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