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Dear parents, carers and families,

As you may be aware from media coverage, the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action. Unless an agreement is reached with the government, strike action will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday 1st February, Wednesday 1st March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the union and the government over underfunding in education and the impact of that on children, as well as pay and conditions for those working in the sector. It is not because of any issues which are specific to our school.

We appreciate that any closures will be an inconvenience to families and we apologise for any disruption to learning which may be caused as a result. We recognise that the situation may be frustrating but we ask that all members of the school community remain respectful and that any queries or concerns are addressed towards school leadership as opposed to individual members of staff.

With that in mind, the following classes will be closed on **Wednesday 1st February**:

- Dolphins

In support of this, school will not be providing alternative provision. The rest of the school will remain open as usual. We will contact you before the next strike date with information about any further action.

Ultimately, children are at the heart of everything we do at Chaucer Junior School. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching. This is only possible with the support of our skilled and hard-working staff.

As always, thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Kind regards,

Miss T Smith
Headteacher

