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Dear Parents

You will no doubt have seen recent speculation in the news about potential industrial action by members of the National Education Union.

I am writing today to let you know that, following a ballot of union members, it has now been confirmed that teachers will be holding four days of strikes in the South West. This action – which is the result of a dispute between the NEU and Government and does not involve individual schools – will take place on February 1st and March 2nd, and provisionally on March 15th and March 16th.

I am sure you will have questions about what this means for your child. As you can imagine, we have been preparing for the possibility of industrial action over recent weeks. Lessons will continue where it is safe and practical to do so, but please understand that some disruption is likely.

I appreciate this could have a knock-on impact onto your own work and family schedule; we anticipate being able to confirm what impact the strikes will have on Haywood Village Academy and on your child's learning in the course of next week.

Yours faithfully

Craig Jones
Principal