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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Industrial Action Update**

You may be aware from media coverage that National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 1 February 2023, Wednesday 15 March 2023 and Thursday 16 March 2023. A further strike for the Eastern Region is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 1 March 2023. This is because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teacher's pay and not because of any issues at our school.

Some staff within the school are members of this union and are therefore eligible to strike on these days. Whilst teachers are not obliged to declare their intention, we are working closely with our staff to understand the implications of any industrial action for Barrow School. At this point, I am not expecting any significant disruption to our normal provision. Any staff absence will be covered in the usual way using members of our skilled and supportive team.

If there are any changes to this position, I will let parents know as soon as possible. If you have any particular questions, please do contact the school office.

Kind regards

Helen Ashe

Headteacher