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Dear Parents/ Carers

RE: Possible National Education Union (NEU) Strike Action

You might have seen in the news this week that teacher members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to strike. This is in response to an ongoing national dispute with the government over pay and conditions; the dispute is not with Greenwood Academies Trust or Stanground Academy.

You can find further information about the strikes and NEU's motivation on their [website](#). The strikes in our region are planned to take place on:

- Wednesday 1 February
- Wednesday 1 March
- Wednesday 15 March
- Thursday 16 March

NEU is one of the largest trades unions for teachers and support staff, and we are aware that a significant proportion of our staff are members of that union. It is therefore very likely that we will be impacted in some way. The union does not allow us to question their members and so we do not know if members intend to take industrial action or not. We are currently planning for several eventualities, but we wanted to give you as much notice as possible for you to make alternative plans if the academy has to close.

As always, our first priority will be to provide care for our vulnerable pupils and even if we have to close our academy for the majority, we will remain open for our vulnerable pupils. More details will follow soon.

We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. Clearly this is a difficult situation which is likely to change and may even result in a negotiated settlement. We will be in touch as soon as we can to confirm the arrangements for these dates.

Yours faithfully

**Mr Van Lier
Principal**