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Dear Parents and Carers

Industrial Action – Wednesday 1st February 2023

St Joseph's has received notification from the National Education Union (NEU) that its members propose to take industrial strike action on Wednesday 1st February. This action relates to the reasons set out in the attached leaflet from the NEU entitled 'A message to parents, carers and grandparents'.

The majority of our teachers are members of this union and therefore we will be affected by the industrial action.

We have undertaken a risk assessment and to safeguard children's safety, I and the Plymouth CAST Board of Directors feel it is necessary to close the following classes for pupils on Wednesday 1st February:-

Foundation Stage Unit (including both Acorn and Oak Classes)

Year 2 – Sycamore Class

Year 3 – Cherry Class

Year 4 – Maple Class

Year 5/6 – Beech Class

For Year 1, Wednesday 1st February will be a normal school day and pupils in that class will be expected to attend that day.

The School will fully reopen to all pupils on Thursday 2nd February.

Pupils in classes affected by the closure can access learning through IXL, Oak Academy and similar.

If your child(ren) is booked for Breakfast or After School Club or a school lunch on 1st February, we would be grateful if you could ensure that these are cancelled by midnight on Saturday 28th January. Breakfast and After School Club, and school lunches, will be available for those in Year 1 as normal on Wednesday.

It is with regret that I must inform you of these circumstances, however I hope you can appreciate that our teachers have not taken the decision to strike lightly.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jacqi Stephens
Headteacher