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Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Strike Action

I hope this letter finds you well.

Following my letter to you on 20th January 2023, I am now in a position to confirm the impact that the proposed strike being undertaken by members of the National Education Union will have on your child on the 1st February 2023.

While the planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the unions and the government, and not Rye Community Primary School, it is important that we respond accordingly. As such, the senior leadership team at Rye Community Primary have been working closely with staff in order to plan for the day. At this stage, we understand that a significant number of colleagues will be taking industrial action.

We have looked at the school timetable for that day to ensure we can still manage the safe supervision of pupils while minimising the impact on learning with reduced staffing levels in place.

Therefore, if the strike action goes ahead, our school can remain open and we will put the following arrangements in place:

- Starfish pre-school will not be affected- please send your child to pre-school as you normally would.
- Years 5 and 6 are unaffected; please send your child to school as you usually would.
- The school canteen will be open as usual for those in school
- School transport will run as usual for those in school
- After school clubs will run as usual for those in school

- We will be restricting attendance for all other year groups.
- We will be **prioritising** which children we are inviting into school according to the following attached criteria for **vulnerable children and children of key workers (appendix 1)**.
- **In order for us to plan for next Wednesday, we need all parents who believe their child qualifies for a space, to complete the online form [here](#). If you are unsure whether your child qualifies for a space, then fill out the form anyway and we will contact you if they do NOT qualify.**
- **All children who qualify for a space MUST attend school on Wednesday.** If your child is eligible to attend school on Wednesday and does not attend, their absence may be recorded as unauthorised.
- If your child is **NOT** eligible to attend school, please do **NOT** send your child into school on Wednesday; this will **NOT** affect their attendance and will be recorded on their attendance record as authorised absence by the school.
- Please ring the school office on 01797 222825 or email them at office@ryeprimary.co.uk if you are **unsure whether your child qualifies**. We will be more than happy to answer your questions around this.

I apologise for the need to make changes to the school day and for any inconvenience this causes you. It appears unlikely that the proposed industrial action will be averted, but if this were to happen, I will write to you to confirm that the school will be open as usual.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please speak to the school office in the first instance and they will be able to direct you to the most appropriate person. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Please be aware that currently, further strike action is planned for the dates 2nd March, 15th March & 16th March 2023. I will write to you again with details of the impact this action may have on the school closer to the time.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Martin
Headteacher