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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Industrial Action by Teachers**

You may be aware from the local and national media that the National Education Union (NEU) is in a formal dispute with the Secretary of State for Education and have voted for strike action. Other teaching unions (NASWT and NAHT) did not receive the required number of ballot papers so will not be striking at this point.

The NEU's members will take part in strike action on:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Wednesday 1 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

In line with Department for Education guidance, it is our intention to keep Robert Mellors Primary Academy open. However, the health and safety of staff and pupils remains our priority. We anticipate that there will be some disruption caused to some classes.

For any children who are in affected classes, work will be set to be completed at home. We will confirm these arrangements as soon as possible. For those children who are provided with a free school meal, we will also put plans in place.

For any industrial action, trade unions do not disclose which staff are in which unions and the staff themselves do not have to tell us in advance if they are going to strike. We hope that we will be able to give you further information about which classes will be affected at the end of the week so that you are able to make relevant childcare arrangements as necessary.

Please be assured that we will seek to provide the best possible support for all of our pupils whilst giving parents and carers as much notice as possible.

We will contact you with further details as and when we have them.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Essex

