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Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to inform you, and answer any questions you may have, concerning the recent announcement of a teacher strike. You may be aware from media coverage that the teaching union NEU have declared strike action, which will take place on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 1 February 2023:** all eligible members in England and Wales.
- **Tuesday 28 February 2023:** all eligible members in the North, Northwest, Yorkshire & The Humber.
- **Wednesday 15 March 2023:** all eligible members in England and Wales.
- **Thursday 16 March 2023:** all eligible members in England and Wales.

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay disputes and not because of any issues at our school. I would like to recognise that I understand the frustrations of many teachers with workload and pay issues, something we have seen documented by recent strike action in other professions. We all know that the last few years have been very difficult for many people across a range of sectors and despite our teachers not striking, we fully support those who are. Over the next few months, it is inevitable that messages will become misconstrued over social media and I would like to please encourage everyone to be kind and respectful to our colleagues and other sectors who may have made the decision to strike.

I will endeavour to keep you informed with any further information however, **I would like to confirm that Water Primary School will be open as usual on the dates above. Please send your child in as normal.**

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'E. McKay'.

Miss E. McKay
Acting Headteacher