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Letter to Year 5 parents ONLY

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that National Education Union (NEU), have declared strike action, which will take place on Tuesday 28th February 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

A number of our employees are members of the NEU and as such we are likely to be affected by the industrial action. We have therefore undertaken a risk assessment for the school to safeguard children's safety and feel that some classes will need to close. **On Tuesday 28th February, school will be closed for Year 5 pupils.**

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, but I have no other alternative at this point. Masefield remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

Further information about why teachers are going on strike can be found here:

<https://neu.org.uk/media/24511/view>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself via the school office.

Thank you for your support,

Mr A Done

Head of School

