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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week, I informed you of the National Education Union's (NEU) seven days of strike over the next two months. The days which will affect our school are as follows:

- **Wednesday 1 February 2023**
- **Thursday 2 March 2023**
- **Wednesday 15 March 2023**
- **Thursday 16 March 2023**

I am writing to inform you that **Holmleigh Primary School will be closed on Wednesday 1st February 2023**. We are therefore asking you **not** to bring your child into school on this day, and for you to make alternative childcare arrangements.

The school will be open at lunchtime **for pupils entitled to free school meals only** from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Parents of these pupils will be contacted separately.

We have not taken this decision lightly. Holmleigh Primary School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils. As the Headteacher of the school, I have to determine the number of striking staff members on each day to ensure that the effective and safe provision of education is achieved. I have discussed with the Chair of Governors, and we feel that the school would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available.

I am sorry for the potential disruption to you and your child's education. I understand that the situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. We will provide homework packs for children to complete at home.

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. We are working closely with our staff union representatives and Hackney Education to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if anything changes. I send a further reminder of the closure via text and email, and will give you as much notice as possible about the future days of strike action.

If you have any questions, please contact the school or email admin@holmleigh.hackney.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Margaret-Mary Boateng