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Dear Parents/carers,

I am sure you are aware that there is further Strike Actions by the teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) planned, they have declared 2<sup>nd</sup> March as a day of industrial action with further strike action to follow on 15th and 16th March.

As with the initial strike day, the government and union leaders are continuing to hold discussions with the aim of avoiding industrial action, however, currently for members of the NEU, potential strike action will happen in the South West on those days.

As before, I feel that as a Trust we need to give parents and carers as much notice as possible that this strike may impact on the ability for some of our schools to open safely and so your child's learning may be disrupted during these dates. As with the first industrial action day we will be taking all necessary steps to ensure our schools remain open where possible and again this may include a number of options in order to avoid closing schools. Children's safety will be of utmost importance and therefore we will look at each academy individually as to what can be provided.

The Academy Head for your child's academy will provide details of the arrangements over the coming days, as soon as we are able. We will be working with our staff and the NEU to ensure we achieve the best outcome for all. We, the Link Academy Trust, obviously respect the right of our staff to participate in industrial action and would ask that all members of our community continue to treat each other with respect during this dispute.

As previously, we realise that the situation may be challenging, particularly for working parents and we will continue to do our utmost to manage the situation with consideration for all.

I apologise in advance for any potential disruption caused to families, we will continue do our best to support all those that may be affected.

Kind regards,  
Nicky

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