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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Industrial Action by the National Education Union (NEU)

You may be aware from reports in the media that on Monday afternoon (16 January) the NEU announced that it had met the legal threshold required in order to proceed with industrial action. Accordingly, it has announced seven dates for strike action, with the following six affecting schools in England:

- Wednesday 1 February - all England
- Tuesday 28 February – Northern, North West, Yorkshire & the Humber regions
- Wednesday 1 March – East Midlands, West Midlands & Eastern regions
- Thursday 2 March – London, South East & South West regions
- Wednesday 15 March – all England
- Thursday 16 March – all England

At this point it is not known whether the dispute will be settled or whether there will be further periods of action. As a trust we will be working to maintain good industrial relations and also to manage the impact on children and families. I would highlight that the proposed action is not against The De Curci Trust or any of its schools, but is linked to a dispute with the Government regarding pay and conditions.

If the proposed industrial action goes ahead, then it is possible that our schools may need to close or partially close. Therefore, we would advise that parents / carers make a note of the relevant dates (as above) in case they need to make alternative arrangements for their child.

We will write to you again as soon as we have further information.

Yours sincerely

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