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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that NEU have declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government and not because of any issues at our school.

**I'm sorry to inform you that Stanford Junior and Infant School will be closed on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023. We are asking you not to send your child into school on this day, if strike action is halted we will let you know as soon as possible.**

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and feel that we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available. I have made this decision based on the guidance from the DfE and with regard to health and safety and safeguarding requirements. I have communicated this decision to governors and the LA.

Packed lunches will be available for those children who are on income based free school meals - please collect the lunches from the school office on the morning of Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023. If these packed lunches are not required please can you inform the office.

Remote learning will not be available but there are useful links and home learning tasks already set on the school web site.

Activity clubs, breakfast and after school club will also be cancelled on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023, a refund will be given. No other after school activities have been arranged for that date.

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, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact school at [office@stanfordschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stanfordschool.co.uk) or 01472 318003.

Yours sincerely

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