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Dear parents and carers,

As you know from previous strike action and the media coverage the National Education Union has declared further strike action which will take place on **February 28th** (the Tuesday after half term). There are two further planned dates, two days in a row, on the 15th and 16th of March.

The strikes are happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our academy.

I'm sorry to inform you that Oasis Academy Harpur Mount will be closed on Tuesday 28th February to all classes except class 4 (Mrs Woodall) who are able to be in school. We are asking you not to send your children into school on this day and we will inform you about the further planned strikes as soon as we have further information.

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and do not consider this to be possible with the staff we have available.

On the day, the school building will remain open with capacity for a small number of children. We may contact you regarding a place for your child or equally if you would like to contact school to request a space for your child or discuss your personal circumstances then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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 unions 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 Mrs Herbert on 0161 205 4993.

Kind regards,

Mrs Herbert

Principal

I would like to request a packed lunch from the Academy on Tuesday 28th February and I will collect from the school hub on the day between 11:30am and 12:30pm. My child would like to order a:

Ham/Cheese/Tuna (please circle) sandwich.

Name of child _____ Class _____