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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Possible industrial action on 30th November (next Wednesday)

Many of you will have heard in the news recently that several trade unions have balloted their members on taking strike action next Wednesday. This is part of a national dispute between the government and trade unions representing people who work in the public sector, with the unions strongly objecting to the government's planned changes to pensions.

I am writing to you today because many of the staff who work in our school, both teachers and support staff, are members of the unions involved in this dispute. **There is therefore a strong possibility that the school could be affected by strike action next Wednesday.** Unfortunately at this stage I cannot tell you definitely whether the school will be affected, or if so how severely, for two reasons:

- Although they may have been asked to join in with a strike next Wednesday by their union, individual members of staff in the school will be considering what best to do
- Although several unions have voted to take strike action (and it is very likely that they will) it is possible that the action could be called off if the government and the unions can reach agreement.

For these reasons I'm afraid I can only alert you to the possibility that school may be disrupted next Wednesday – this includes the possibility that certain year groups will not be open for the day, or even that the school could be totally closed for the day. As soon as I am able to give you definite information I will let you know – **please make sure though that you listen to local radio next Wednesday morning for announcements of any school closure (BBC Radio Oxford, and other local stations) or partial closure.** Closure information should also be available on the county website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk and we will try to put information on the school website. For safety reasons please don't send children to school unaccompanied next Wednesday unless you are certain that their classes are open as normal.

With best wishes

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