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Dear Parents & Carers,

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The NEU has asked its members to strike again next week for one day on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. In consultation with the Governing Body, we would like to inform you that we will be having a partial opening on this day.

The following **CHURCH** classes will be **closed** on this day due to the Industrial action - **Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5**. Children from these classes should not attend school. We recognise the inconvenience that this will cause for many parents, but our responsibility is to the safety and wellbeing of pupils which, in light of the limited number of staff available for these classes, we would be unable to guarantee. If your child is in this class and eligible for free school meals, they will be emailed a food voucher for that day in the normal way.

Children from these classes will again be able to access some suggested optional activities they might like to try and a list of useful educational websites on our school website. These can be found using this link, <https://www.coulstoncofe.co.uk/parents/strike-day-activities> which will be made live the night before the strike. There is no expectation that children complete these tasks.

**All children in Years R, 1, 4 and 6 are expected to be in school.**

We must advise you that staff are not under any obligation to tell us they are striking. They can change their mind and have the right to decide to strike or not to strike until the actual day. We are working closely with our staff union representative to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

Yours faithfully,

Mr P. Garratty  
Head Teacher

