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Dear Parents & Carers,

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The NEU has asked its members to strike again next week for two days - Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July. In consultation with the Governing Body, we would like to inform you that we will be having a partial opening depending on which members are striking.

The following classes will be **closed** on **Wednesday 5th July** due to the Industrial action - **Year R, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6**. 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 one of these classes 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 Year 1 are expected to be in school.

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. **I will let you know about Friday 7th July as soon as we have the information.**

We must also advise you that staff are not under any obligation to tell us they are striking and they can change their mind and choose to strike or not to strike up until the actual day. If there is any further change to this plan, we will let you know.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Paul Garratty
Head Teacher

