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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you are fully aware, members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted in favour of further strike action. As I mentioned in a Weduc message I sent in January, further action is planned to take place on the following days which may affect the school: **2nd March, 15th and 16th March**. This is the result of a national pay dispute between education unions and the government – it is not due to any actions taken by the school, and it is a matter for the unions and the government to resolve independently of the school.

I am writing to inform you that I now know how the strike will affect Colindale Primary on the second strike day – **Thursday 2nd March**. The school will only be partially opened, most classes will be closed. Please see the table below:

Classes which will be open	Little Rainbows, Nursery, RF, RJW & 4G
Classes/Year groups which will be closed	RKW All of year 1 (1A, 1R, 1T) All of year 2 (2A, 2T & 2M) All of year 3 (3D, 3N, 3F) 4J & 4P All of year 5 (5M, 5B, 5J) All of year 6 (6N, 6K, 6R)

We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause you and your child's education, and we hope the dispute can be resolved as soon as possible. The school is maintaining dialogue with union representatives to understand the exact impact the strikes will have on the two dates later this month, and we will keep you up-to-date with any arrangements.

If your child is in the classes which will be open, they must attend school as usual; for those children it is still compulsory.

If your child is in a class which will be closed, we apologise for the inconvenience. The decision has not been taken lightly and is due to reduced staffing numbers which means we can only assure the safety and wellbeing of a limited number of pupils on the day.

In the event that negotiations between the government and the education unions see the strikes called off or postponed, the school will be able to open as normal on these dates. If this happens, we will let you know.

If you have any questions, please contact the office by telephone or by email.

Lucy Rodgers, Headteacher

