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Dear Parent/Carer

NEU Strike Days – Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

You may be aware from the news that the National Education Union has planned a series of strikes. The first of these was on Wednesday 1st February. The second was on Thursday 2nd March. The final scheduled strike days (for now) are Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.

As confirmed by our experience on previous strike days, because of the significant number of staff members striking or unavailable for work, **the school will need to be closed to the majority of pupils on NEU Strike Days – Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March** as we would not be able to ensure safe staffing support. We had hoped to be able to expand our offer to more pupils on these days, but because of the significant number of colleagues striking, and also the even greater number of staff members who require dependency leave because their child's school is closed, it has proven impossible to secure safe staffing levels.

As with the previous strike day, we will make best efforts to support the following pupils to attend and will contact parents/carers to confirm:

- Pupils identified as especially vulnerable
- Pupils whose parents work for the NHS or critical services

If you were not previously working for the NHS or critical services on the 1st February or 2nd March, but are now, please get in touch by Friday 10th March at 12pm.

We will be providing free school meal vouchers for all eligible pupils.

Finally, please remember that 'Learning at Home' resources are available on the school website here:
http://www.ickburgh.hackney.sch.uk/web/interactive_timetables/538237

Yours, with all best wishes

Headteacher
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