



# Devonshire Infant & Junior Academies



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Dear Parents / Carers,

You will be aware that one of the largest teaching unions have announced a series of one day strikes. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay, and not because of any issues at our school. I am getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on the dates listed below.

- Wednesday, 1 February
- Wednesday 1 March
- Wednesday, 15 March
- Thursday, 16 March

Those classes that are affected by strike action will be closed for the day.

It is my intention where possible, to let you know in advance whether your child's class is affected; however, as staff do not have to give me notice, it may not be possible to inform you until the day of the industrial action and I will do this by 7.45am on the day of the strike.

I will only close classes that are affected by industrial action. School will be open as normal for all other pupils.

In the meantime, I would ask that you be mindful of the strike dates so that you can consider any alternative childcare arrangements you may need.

I do understand how the potential disruption may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

I will write to you again as soon as I have any further updates regarding the above.

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Waldron

Head Teacher