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Dear Parents,

I hope that this letter finds you all well. You may have heard in the press recently, that Teaching Unions are proposing further industrial action on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July. As last time, this is a national dispute and is therefore not confined to our school or MAT alone. The industrial action will result in some classes closing across the country and this will affect some classes at Woodthorne.

The decision to close the school to all or some groups of children is never taken lightly. However, where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, we have to consider very carefully if we are able to make suitable arrangements to ensure the health, safety and well-being of children throughout the day.

In the event that the industrial action goes ahead, the following area of our provision will be affected and the classes will close on the below dates. This will be as follows:

- **Friday 7th July – Nursery will be closed**

I would therefore advise you to make contingency plans for your child's care arrangements if your child attends nursery on the date specified above.

Please be aware, union guidance states that staff do not need to inform me of their intention to strike and therefore it is good practice that I should not ask. Due to the positive relations we have here at Woodthorne, I have asked and our teachers have taken the decision to let me know so that parents have some time to make alternative arrangements.

I know that this will be disruptive for you and your children, and I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but would again like to thank you for your co- operation during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Hinkley
Headteacher