



# HuishEpiscopi

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Teacher Strikes

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action. The government and union leaders are continuing to hold discussions with the aim of avoiding industrial action. However, as it stands, the first day of potential strike action is Wednesday 1 February with further strike action to follow on 2, 15, and 16 March. The strike is happening as a result of a national dispute between the union and government over pay and funding and is not specific to Huish Episcopi Academy nor to United Learning.

I am writing to give you as much notice as possible that your child's learning may be disrupted during this time. We will, though, be taking all necessary steps to ensure our school remains open where possible. I will write to you again with an update on our plans once they are confirmed.

Huish Episcopi Academy recognises and respects the right of our staff to participate in industrial action and would ask that all members of community continue to treat each other with respect during this dispute. I understand that the situation may be challenging and apologise in advance for any potential disruption caused.

Best wishes

**Nat Parnell**  
Principal

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