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Dear Parents and Carers

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union has announced the results from their ballot and that the teachers who are members will be commencing strike action on the following dates:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

The NEU states that the reason the strike is happening is as a result of failure by the Secretary of State to ensure enough money is available to pay a fully funded increase in pay for teachers, which at least matches inflation. In addition, teachers are concerned that a lack of funding for schools, is causing a crisis in education.

The vast majority of teachers at this school are members of the NEU and whether they choose to exercise their right to strike is a personal matter.

All staff at this school work extremely hard to ensure that your children receive the very best education, support and care and they do not wish to disrupt this. **Therefore, Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery will be open as usual on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.**

I will be in touch nearer each date to keep you up to date with the situation.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher