

27th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Industrial strike action update – Wednesday 1st March 2023

As you will be aware from my letter last week, the National Education Union (NEU), has given notice of industrial action planned for Wednesday 1st March. Whilst we hope that the dispute can be resolved through national negotiation, it seems most likely at this point that the strike will go ahead. I have been considering what impact the strike will have on our school, should it go ahead. We recognise how important it is for you to be able to make plans in advance. In order to give you some advanced notice of class closures, NEU members have shared their intentions for Wednesday ahead of the day.

Should the planned strike go ahead, we will be open for classes 3, 4, 8, 10, 13 and 14 on 1st March 2023. Classes 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 will be closed for the day. Breakfast club and afterschool club will run for these classes. No other clubs will run.

We have prioritised some additional children for a place in school. We have also been able to support front line, critical workers, by offering some places for those who had responded by the deadline this morning. These parents and carers will have an email today confirming that their children should attend school in the event that their child's class is closed.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time.

Ben Tull
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