

13th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Industrial strike action update – Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th 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 15th and Thursday 16th March. Whilst we hope that the dispute can be resolved through national negotiation, it seems most likely at this point that both strike days 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 and Thursday ahead of these days.

Should the planned strike go ahead, classes 1, 2, 5, 6, and 9, will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday. Class 3 will be closed on Thursday only. All other classes will run as normal. Breakfast club and afterschool clubs will run for the open classes.

We have prioritised some additional children for a place in school. We have also been able to support some front line, critical workers, by offering some places for those who had responded by the deadline this morning. These parents and carers will have had 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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