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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### **Planned NEU Teacher Strike Action – Arrangements for 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for your patience on this matter while I awaited further guidance to plan for the forthcoming strike action by National Education Union (NEU) staff. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay and school funding and not because of any issues at our school.

As mentioned in my previous letter, staff are not obliged to inform me ahead of Wednesday if they intend to strike but as of my current risk assessment and known staffing levels (non-striking unions and support staff), the school leaders have decided that **we will be able to open as normal for children.**

However, should I have some staff shortages on the day, we will be making the following adjustments:

- Children may not be following normal curriculum lessons during the day as schools are free to provide non-curriculum activities during strike action.
- It may also mean that your child may not be supervised by their class teacher and year groups may be pooled to ensure safe supervision of children by working staff.
- Leaders are not able to demand that a teacher, who is working, cover other classes.
- Morning club and after school clubs on 1<sup>st</sup> February will not be affected by the action so will run as normal.
- As per the guidance I have received, if your child's school is open, your child is expected to attend as normal. Normal attendance policies apply.

Looking ahead, I would ask that you be mindful of future strike dates and I would recommend that you start to consider alternative childcare arrangements for these dates should we need to close.

The planned strike dates are:

- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March (this is different to our last letter)**
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**



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Please note that the arrangements for 1<sup>st</sup> February as outlined above and for future strike dates are fluid and changeable. If there are any changes, we shall inform parents via ParentMail and Marvellous Me on the day, so please do keep checking as this is our primary form of communications with parents.

I continue to ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect; we remain, as always, committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sarah Inman  
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