

30th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Industrial strike action update - 1st Feb 2023

As you will be aware from the recent media coverage and my letter last week, the National Education Union (NEU), announced that they had secured the necessary support in a ballot for industrial action.

Whilst we hope that the dispute can be resolved through national negotiation, I have been considering what impact the strike will have on our school, should it go ahead on Wednesday 1st February 2023. 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 8 and 13 only on 1st February 2023. All other classes 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 had an email this afternoon 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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