

Monday 23rd January 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place on:

- 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 strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay, and **not** because of any issues at school.

National industrial action has the potential to affect us all. Many of our teachers and support staff are parents too and so, they may not be able to report for work if, for example, their child's school is closed due to strike action and so I am getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on these dates. So far, some staff have let us know that they intend on striking and others have not yet decided.

I apologise in advance that I cannot be any clearer at this stage and my hope is that I can communicate our approach tomorrow. I fully understand that this situation may be frustrating, but we have navigated challenges in the past and we will apply the same commitment to our learners, staff, and families to make the best decisions possible.

We are working closely with our staff to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

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