

**20 January 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers

You will no doubt be aware of the forthcoming national strikes by teachers of the NEU (National Education Union) who is in a formal trade dispute with the Secretary of State for Education.

I would like to reassure you that we will do all we can to avoid disruption to your child's education and will do all we can to keep our schools open on the following national and regional strike days:

Wednesday	1 February 2023
Tuesday	28 February 2023
Wednesday	15 March 2023
Thursday	16 March 2023


As you will appreciate, any of our teaching staff who belong to this particular trade union, have the right to strike and are under no obligation to tell us if they plan to. We have of course asked members if they plan to strike, in order to put contingency plans in place as quickly as possible. As soon as we have this information and have plans in place prior to each of the above dates, your child's school will communicate this with you in good time.

If the numbers of staff on strike means a school must implement its' contingency plans, priority will be given to vulnerable children, children of critical workers and those pupils due to take public examinations and other formal assessments.

In the meantime, please assume your child's school will be open as normal on the above dates unless we communicate otherwise. We hope to have a clearer picture and information to share with you regarding 1st February during week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

Thank you as always for your continued support,

Yours faithfully,



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