

23/1/23

Dear parents/carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union have declared strike action, which will take place on the dates shown below;

- **Wednesday 1 February 2023**
- **Tuesday 28 February 2023**
- **Wednesday and Thursday 15/16 March 2023**

I'm sorry to inform you that we will be closed on these dates. We are asking you not to send your child into school on these days.

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teacher's pay and the impact it has on retention and recruitment of staff, and not because of any issues at our school.

We have not taken this decision lightly and have risk-assessed other options. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available.

The DFE has asked schools to open for their most vulnerable students and have laid out a definition of such students. If your daughter is one of this cohort you will be contacted before the end of the week and offered a place in school. Students in school will work in computer rooms on the work provided and will have a packed lunch in school.

Work will be provided for students to complete at home and staff will be available during the lesson times on the strike days for students to contact them if they are stuck on their work. Contact should be made through Google Classroom and instructions on how to do this will be available on our website homepage. Colleagues who are striking or otherwise absent from school will not be providing work in the run up to, or during the day.

Students eligible for Free School Meals will have the opportunity to collect a packed lunch from school as they leave the afternoon before the strikes.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation. We will review these arrangements following the first day of action and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions, please email via our usual email address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Keen
Headteacher