

27 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As you know, members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to take industrial action and to go on strike. This is in response to an ongoing national dispute with the government.

The strikes in our region will be taking place on:

- Wednesday 1 February
- Wednesday 1 March
- Wednesday 15 March
- Thursday 16 March

Members of teaching staff who are part of the NEU are not required by law to inform us in advance as to whether they intend to take strike action which makes it difficult for us to gauge the impact this action will have on our school.

A sizeable number of the staff are members of this union and therefore the school will be affected by the strike action. Consequently, I have decided that it is necessary for the school to close due to the number of staff who are likely to be involved in the strike.

Your child should not attend school on the day of strike action Wednesday 1st February. Staff will place work that can be completed by your child on Teams. There will not be any live lessons.

Any student who is in receipt of free school meals based on low income (not universal entitlement) and does not attend school due to the strike action will receive a food parcel on Tuesday 31 January.

I hope and intend that a clear decision made now will enable you to make plans ahead of next Wednesday.

If there are any developments at a national level, and if strike action is averted in schools this will be notified through our usual school communication channels.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Kelly
Headteacher

