

27 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

We write further to our earlier correspondence today regarding forthcoming striking action by members of the National Education Union.

We can confirm that a number of classes will unfortunately be closed on Wednesday 1st February 2023.

A separate communication will be sent to parents of pupils in these classes, to confirm their closure on Wednesday 1st February 2023.

At the present time, all other classes will be open on Wednesday 1st February 2023, unless you are contacted otherwise.

As we are sure you will appreciate, even with the best laid plans, we may need to close classes at short notice on Wednesday 1st February 2023, if we do not have enough staff available for classes to safely operate. This situation may arise if, for example:

- 1. Our staff strike without having given us prior warning of their intention to do so (since they are not legally obliged to do so)**
- 2. Staff who work at the schools attended by the children of our staff, go on strike without having given advanced warning to their employer (which they are not legally obliged to do). This could result in some of our staff then having to go home during the working day, for childcare reasons, which would in turn compromise our staffing and safety levels**

We therefore ask for your patience and understanding and that you are easily contactable on all strike days. Our decisions can only be based upon the information and staffing that we have available to us at any one time and will be driven by the needs and safety of our community.

We are very sorry about the disruption to you and to your child's education. We understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

Kind regards

The Senior Leadership Team