

30th January 2023

Strike Action – Wednesday 1st February 2023

Dear Parents & carers,

Thank you for your patience while we have determined our approach to the first strike day on Wednesday 1 February. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to have all our students in school on this day and we will therefore be operating a partial closure as detailed below:

- **Year 1** students will not be able to come to school. They should self-study at home using the resources already available through our subscriptions to a range of online platforms. We will be recirculating links to these platforms and details of how to reacquire log-in details prior to Wednesday. They also have reading books to read. Identified Year 1 vulnerable students will be invited into the school. This will be communicated with parents by phone by the end of the day on 31st January 2023. If you have not received communication by this time, then we are unable to offer a place to your child.
- As it stands at the moment, **all other** students should come to school as normal. (If this changes I will communicate with you on Wednesday morning). Measures will be put into place across the school to ensure students are suitably supervised and supported across the day.
- For **Year 1** students who are normally entitled to Free School Meals (this is not all Y1 children, just those eligible) we will be making packed lunches available at the end of Tuesday for students to take home and refrigerate for Wednesday lunchtime.

We appreciate that some parents will find this partial closure frustrating. The teaching profession is not unique in its proposed strike action, with other public sector professions also taking similar action. We place an extremely high value on the quality and continuity of education we provide for our students, alongside valuing our highly skilled and experienced staff and their right for their voice to be heard.

As you will know from the national press, this is the first of a series of strikes planned by the NEU. Further dates proposed for our area are 1 March (East Midlands) and 15 and 16 March (national). However, negotiations may continue between the unions and government and this situation may change. We may also find our approach to strike days may need to change over time and so we will update you again as we approach the next planned strike day at the start of March.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Andrews
Headteacher