



16<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Strike Action – March 2023**

Dear Parents & carers,

As many of you may be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) have confirmed that another strike proposed on the **1<sup>st</sup> March 2023** will be going ahead. The NEU has voted for national and regional strike action in the dispute over teachers' pay, recruitment and retention.

The union has also stated that it is committed to continuing to negotiate with the government up until this date. Other teachers' unions were unable to make the percentage needed to call for strike action on these dates.

We are unsure whether the proposed strike will affect us at Parkland, and we are unlikely to know until the day of the strike. However, we will take all reasonable steps to keep the school open and decisions will be based on ensuring the health and safety of our staff and pupils. A partial closure decision will not be taken lightly and only as a last resort. As before, I will communicate with you in the days prior to the strike when I have confirmed information. I understand that it is difficult not knowing whether your child will be able to come to school on that day, but I can only communicate with you when I know.

For information, the dates that strike action is proposed to take place are:

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Andrews  
Headteacher