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Dear Parents and Carers

I write in regards to the forthcoming strike action by The National Education Union (NEU).

Teachers from the NEU will be striking in our region on Thursday 2nd March 2023. There are also two additional strike days planned for 15th and 16th March 2023.

As Headteacher my paramount responsibility is for the health and safety of children and staff. Each school is unique, with varying numbers of staff who are members of NEU, and so what may work within one school might not be appropriate in another.

Striking workers are not required to inform their employer as to whether or not they will take strike action until the day of the strike. Also, I can not compel staff to undertake work, such as covering classes, for staff who are striking. Staff who are striking do not have to set work for their classes.

Parents and carers prefer advance notice of any closure to the school, or of particular year groups, rather than being informed on the day. I am therefore sharing with you in advance the plans for the day of the strike.

School will be closed to all Primary age groups on Thursday 2nd March. Children should work from home and complete any tasks set by teachers on Google Classroom or using any of our online learning resources. MS Teams lessons will not take place. The children would also benefit from completing reading either to themselves or with you.

In anticipation of the four days of industrial action, the school has already provided a single £10 food voucher to cover these days to the family of each child who is in receipt of free school meals.

If you have bookings with JAG (EnergyKidz), please ensure you cancel these before Monday morning, otherwise you may still be charged. I have been advised that JAG (EnergyKidz) will not be cancelling bookings at their end.

We will now celebrate World Book Day on Friday 3rd March.

Further details will follow regarding the additional planned two days of industrial action nearer the time.

If, for any reason, the decision changes or the industrial action is cancelled by the NEU, I will update you with this decision at the earliest possible opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

Mr K Hillerton
Headteacher



Executive Head Teacher Mr D J Gray MA, NPQH

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