

22nd February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I am sure you are all aware, there is a planned national teacher strike on **Thursday 2nd March 2023**. At this point the school has received no notification that the strike action has been called off so as I said in my previous letter, I am writing with a week's notice so that you can arrange childcare.

We currently have 15 members of staff who are part of this union and who could therefore choose to take part in the strike on **Thursday 2nd March**. These staff do not have to decide if they want to take part in this industrial action until the actual day of the strike and I am not allowed to insist that they inform me of their intentions. Similarly to the previous strike in February, the school cannot therefore be entirely certain of the exact number of employees that will be striking until the morning of the strike and the welfare and safety of your child(ren) must be our main concern.

Having undertaken the appropriate risk assessments and taking into consideration the fact that we have fifteen classes and fifteen teaching staff who are able to participate in the strike action, we will not be able to plan for the school to safely open. This means that school will be closed to pupils on **Thursday 2nd March 2023**. This decision has been made in consultation with the Chairs of the Governing Body.

World Book Day celebrations will now take place on **Friday 3rd March**.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals and you receive Edenred Supermarket vouchers during the school holidays, the school's catering company will provide them with a packed lunch on the strike day. If you would like to take up this offer, please contact the school office by **11.30 am on Friday 24th February**. The lunch will be available for collection from the school office between **11 – 12.00 on Thursday 2nd March 2023**.

After school club will also be closed on the **2nd March**. Parents who normally access this service on that day will receive a refund for this session.

Obviously, there is still time for the strike action to be called off and if this does happen, school will of course be open. If this is the case, we will communicate this via text and email so please keep checking your devices during the lead up to the strike.

Yours sincerely



Miss. C. Campbell
Headteacher