



27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you with further information regarding the **NEU (National Education Union) Strike Action on Wednesday 1st February** and thank you for your patience following my letter last week. Due to the industrial action and the advice that has been issued by the NEU we do not have a full and complete picture of who plans to strike. However, we have taken a decision that places child safety and wellbeing at the centre. I am now in a position to confirm the following:

The school will remain open for the following year groups only:

- Year 6
- Year 11

We ask that children in all other year groups work at home on this day. Please note, this day does not count as an absence for children who are asked to stay at home.

There will inevitably be some disruption to learning for those in school, but we will endeavour to keep this to a minimum. Lessons in school will run for Y6 and Y11, but we are likely to make changes to the curriculum for that day for some classes.

This response only applies to the first strike day and we will review this as we plan ahead for the subsequent 3 strike days in February and March.

This partial closure is very different from that which we experienced during lockdown(s) and as a result our remote offer and in-school provision will differ. Work will be provided via Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize - this will be communicated in a separate message. Children who do not have internet access will be issued with a physical pack that they can work through. Please contact the school office if you would like a pack stating your child's name and class/Year Group by 4pm on Monday.


We will have limited places for children of critical workers (*those who are frontline NHS or emergency services only*) or who are deemed vulnerable*. Please complete the google form ([click here](#)) if you would like to request a place within this provision which will be confirmed via email on Tuesday 31st January. **Please note, to support our planning, forms must be completed by 4pm on Monday 30th January.**

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals (*this does not include Universal Infant Free School Meals*) they will be given a packed lunch to be taken home with them at the end of the school day on Tuesday.

I want to reiterate that this strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and not because of any issues or disputes with our school.

I recognise the disruption that this may cause to you and your family and appreciate that many of you will be faced with some significant juggling over the coming days.

Thank you for your understanding,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Connelly', with a small flourish at the end.

Rob Connelly
Headteacher

*are assessed as being in need under section 17 or section 47 of the Children Act 1989, (including children and young people who have a child in need plan or a child protection plan) and children who are looked-after by the local authority, have an education, health and care (EHC) plan, have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance