

Thursday 9th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Strike Action
Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023

You will likely be aware that members of the Education Union, the NEU, have voted in favour of strike action. This is the result of a national pay dispute between Education Unions and the Government; it is not due to any actions taken by school, and it is a matter for the Unions and the Government to resolve independently of the Academy.

We are writing to ensure that you have sufficient notice of what this may mean for your child's attendance on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023**. Whilst we want to minimise disruption to your child's education, our commitment is to their health, safety and wellbeing. As such, we have undertaken a risk assessment and as a result, the following has been agreed:

Classes closed on Wednesday 15th March 2023: 1R, 1K and 3A

Classes closed on Thursday 16th March 2023: 1R, 1K, 3A and 4P (4P is closed Thursday only)
The attendance of children in these classes will not be affected. Those children on benefits related free school meals (not Universal Free School Meals which are provided to all infant children) can collect a 'grab bag' lunch from the kitchen door between 12.00 – 1.00 pm. So we can gauge the number of 'grab bags' that we need to prepare, an email will be sent to parents/carers of benefits-related Free School Meal children, whose classes are closed.

Classes open on Wednesday 15th March: Nursery, RD, RK, 2L, 2N, 3G, 4D, 4P, 5N, 5G, 6M, 6J

Classes open on Thursday 16th March: Nursery, RD, RK, 2L, 2N, 3G, 4D, 5N, 5G, 6M, 6J

Attendance for children in these classes is compulsory.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and hope the dispute can be resolved as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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