

6 March, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Strike Action**

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

As previously communicated in January and February, the NEU has voted for national and regional strike action in the dispute over teachers' pay, recruitment and retention. The next confirmed dates to strike are **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

I am sorry for the continued impact of the strike action. The union has stated that it is committed to continuing to negotiate with the government up until this date. If strike action is cancelled in the coming weeks, I will contact you again to confirm a return to full opening

During the last strike a number of teachers did not attend work, but we continue to remain uncertain about the full impact and number who will strike on this next date. Staff are not required to share their intention to strike and a significant number of staff are members of the NEU.

Just as we did last time, as a leadership team, we have discussed reasonable steps to keep the school open and ensure the health and safety of all staff and pupils. Our setting, more than any in the city, relies on high levels of staffing and children having key staff available during points of crisis. Based on the information that has been voluntarily shared by NEU members, we have taken the difficult decision to partially close.

**We will close on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March to:**

- Year 7
- Year 8
- Lodge students

**We will close on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March to:**

- Year 9
- Year 10

Yours sincerely,



**Sara Marsh**  
Head Teacher

