

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing with further information regarding the first day of strike action planned to take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. (Other strikes are planned by the NEU to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 15<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> March.)

The NEU has posted a document for parents, carers and grandparents that explains their reasons for taking strike action. It can be found at <https://neu.org.uk/media/24511/view> if you wish to read it.

As previously communicated to you, teachers are not obliged to let me know that they plan to take strike action. They could also have issues with childcare as a result of their own child's school staff being on strike as well as many other possible scenarios that could prevent them from attending work that day.

I have undertaken a detailed risk assessment and I feel it is pertinent to let you know that the following classes **will be closed on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

- Steiff Class (Nursery)
- Christiansen Class (Reception)

All other classes are unaffected at this time. However, it is also worth bearing in mind that some staff, who intend to come to work, may not be willing to cross a picket line (if there is one) or may have a change in circumstances at the last minute and **so other classes, which are not detailed above, could also be affected. It would be advisable to organise alternative childcare just in case. If any of the classes we expect to be open are affected, we will let you know as soon as we possibly can before school starts on the morning of the strike.**

Clearly, this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. A national strike by teachers is **very** unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those who do strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the days that they are on strike.

Yours sincerely,

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