



'Creating New Futures'

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure you will be aware from recent media reports that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action for teaching staff in both February and March. The NEU have informed the Government that the following dates will likely be affected by strike action:

- Wednesday 1st February
- Thursday 2nd March
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

While the planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the unions and the Government, and not the school, it is important that we respond accordingly in the interests of our pupils whilst respecting the rights of our staff. Therefore, my aim is to give you as much notice as possible of the likely impact of the strike action on the school. Whilst the March dates are still some way ahead of us, I am able to let you know what our plan is for Wednesday 1st February.

All of our teachers are members of the NEU and they do not have to inform us as to whether they have decided to strike or not, however our staff have told us and therefore a decision has been made that **the school will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 1st February**. This will not affect children's attendance figures and we will be open to all pupils again on Thursday 2nd February.

We will provide work for pupils to complete remotely and share details through Google classroom lessons by The Oak National Academy <https://classroom.thenational.academy/>.

We appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and you may need to change your plans or working arrangements whilst this action is ongoing. If the strike action is called off then we will confirm this as soon as we have been notified and, in this eventuality, the school will be open as usual to all students.

As I explained at the start of this letter, the NEU has indicated that there is further strike action planned for the 2nd March, 15th and 16th March. Please make a note of these dates now and I will write to you in advance of each date to confirm any changes to arrangements and whether the strike is going ahead.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Bailey
Headteacher

