

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

**Important information relating to potential strike action in your child's school:**

Dear families,

I hope you are well.

As you may already know, the National Education Union (NEU) has announced that its ballot of teacher members in England has met the thresholds required to commence industrial action. The NEU ballot for support staff did not result in strike action.

The NEU'S announcement of national and regional action in England includes our schools on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Tuesday 28 February 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

As a multi academy trust, we would only consider school closure on these days as a last resort when no other option is available. We will assess the likely impact of the strike in order to maintain safe staffing levels in school.

To assist with our planning, we have written to all teaching staff to ask them to confirm whether or not they intend to take part. There is no legal obligation on staff to respond, but we are hoping many will do so, so we have a better understanding of who intends to work on the planned strike days. Please be assured we will do everything possible to prevent school closure however if we feel this isn't possible then we will shall aim to provide you with as much notice as possible.

We will write to all parents again later in the week with more information about our plans for February and March.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Your sincerely

Mrs. J. Heaton OBE  
Chief Executive Officer

