



Strike Action – Thursday 2nd March 2023

27th February 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Last term, I wrote to you informing you that the NEU (National Education Union) were intending to take industrial strike action on 4 days in February and March. The second day of the strike action is Thursday 2nd March. Staff participating in the strike action do not have to tell me that they intend to strike so there will be an element of uncertainty regarding staffing levels at school. I have worked with the Senior Leadership Team along with our teachers and wider support staff to plan for this day of strike action.

Whilst I won't know until the morning of 2nd March the absolute certainty of our staffing levels, I have been able to make initial plans. At present, we hope to be open for the majority of classes but will need to **close to pupils in Attenborough (all day), Alfred (all day) Benjamin (all day), Dahl (all day) and the CNRB (all day)** due to staffing numbers.

If your child accesses the CNRB in the morning, they are to come in at lunchtime and join their peer class for the afternoon if the class is open that day, arriving from 12:30pm onwards having had lunch at home. If your child stays in the CNRB in the afternoon, they will not be able to come into school on this day.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, they are entitled to a meal provided by school. We will prepare a cold packed lunch for these children, available to collect from the school office between 9 – 9:30am on Thursday 2nd March. We will need to have your order by the end of the day on Tuesday 28th February and will be unable to make any extra meals on the day of Thursday 2nd March.

It is officially World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March but we have chosen to move ours to Friday 3rd March to ensure all children are able to take part in our celebration of books and reading.

We know that this will be disruptive for our families but hope that you are able to remain kind and respectful to our school staff as they stand up for what they feel is right. Strike action is not a decision taken lightly and the aim is to send a clear message to the government rather than to inconvenience parents.

Please note that I will write to you again informing you of plans for the remaining strike dates.

Best wishes,

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