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Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: NEU Strike Closure Day, Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**

### **Partial Closure of Wildmoor Heath School**

I am writing to advise you of the potential impact of the forthcoming NEU industrial action strike day on Wildmoor Heath School operations on **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**.

It is highly likely that we will have a partial school closure, so it is important for you to put in place suitable contingency care plans for your child. The partial closure would affect these year groups:

Year 1  
Year 3  
Year 4

**Please note that the Reception, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 children, plus some priority groups as discussed below, will operate as usual and children are expected to attend school.**

### **Background**

A ballot of The National Education Union (NEU) teacher members met the threshold required to commence industrial action. NEU teachers will have the option to strike; this is because of a national dispute between teaching unions and the Government over teachers' pay and not because of any issues with our school or trust. The first strike day was on 1<sup>st</sup> February and a further three days are planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. As teachers can opt to strike on some days only, I will deal with each day individually over the coming weeks.

### **Impact on Wildmoor Heath School**

Concerning arrangements for **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 only**, we anticipate a partial closure of the school with, Years 1, 3 and 4 not in school. **However, Reception, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 will operate normally.**

As teachers are not obliged to confirm their intention until the morning of the strike, it is difficult to manage in advance. **If any other teachers advise us that they intend to work that day, the school will send out an email at 7:45am on the morning of Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 to advise you that your child's class is open for usual curricular activity.** If you do not receive this email for your child's class, then you should assume that there is no class teaching that day and continue with your contingency care plans.

## Priority Groups

We have compiled a Risk Assessment, having reviewed carefully both government guidance and our available staffing. Throughout we have put the health and safety of our pupils first and foremost. A few priority groups of pupils from Years 1, 3 and 4 will be invited in to school to be supported on a non-curriculum activity day. We are writing separately to parents and carers to advise which pupils are expected to be in school on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

These groups are:

- Vulnerable children;
- Children who currently hold an EHCP (Education and Health Care Plan);
- Children of staff who will be working in school that day;
- **Reception, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are all expected to be in school as there is full cover.**

Due to limited staffing and to ensure the health and safety of those in school, we are unable to accept Critical Workers' children or indeed other pupils.

## School Meals on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March

If your child has a free school meal or would like to book a school lunch, these will be provided as usual and there will be a choice. All children should come to school in school uniform, bringing a warm change of clothes for outdoor activities.

## Work for Children Not in School

For those children who are not in school, teachers taking industrial action are not expected to set work. As a school, we recommend that your child accesses learning through the following excellent educational website links, which specify primary phase education plus you can select any subject and year group:

1. Oak National Academy <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage>
2. BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

We would also recommend that children use their personal log-ins to access:

- Times Tables Rockstars Numb Bots for the younger children to practise times tables;
- Num Bots for KS1 children to practise number bonds;
- Spelling Shed for spellings practice;
- Purple Mash for computing, drawing, writing, etc.

Please also support your child with some extra reading and discussion about their book.

I am sorry about the potential disruption to your child's education and I understand that this will be challenging and frustrating for parents. We have worked hard to put this plan in place; therefore, may I ask that you avoid challenging any school staff on this issue and that we all continue to treat each other with respect and understanding.



Mrs L Semper  
Headteacher