



26th January 2023

Dear Families,

As you will be aware, following recent ballots by teacher unions, the National Education Union (NEU) intend to carry out industrial action and their members plan to strike over a number of days in the coming months.

The dates are:

Wednesday 1st February

Thursday 2nd March

Wednesday 15th March

Thursday 16th March

The strike action is not against our school directly but is part of national industrial action organised by NEU.

We will be closed on Wednesday 1st February, therefore we are asking you not to send your child into school on this day. I am sorry about the delay in informing you of this. Our team have not taken this decision lightly and, whilst we may regret any inconvenience this will cause, we must respect that members of any professional association/union have the right to take this action following a legal ballot.

We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils. Having followed the Department of Education (DfE) and Hackney Education's guidance carefully, our risk assessment means we are unable provide this with the staff we have available.

I would like to recognise that I understand the frustrations of many teachers and support staff with pay, funding of schools and the number of teachers leaving the profession. This is something we have seen documented by recent strike action in other professions. The commitment of our staff to your children remains as high as ever.

We are in the process of making arrangements for providing lunches for our children eligible for free school meals. This will involve families collecting a packed lunch from school on Wednesday 1st. If you would like to do this, please let Doreen in our school office know.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Case