



Thursday 26th January 2023

Strike Action – Important Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you know, members of the National Education Union have voted to **strike**, in this region, on four dates. The first of these dates is **next Wednesday 1st February**. If the action continues, these colleagues will also be striking on the 1st, 15th and 16th of March 2023.

We are now clearer about the impact of this strike upon our team and have carried out a risk assessment to establish the safest route to opening the school to as many pupils as possible. **Unfortunately, we will need to operate a reduced opening on Wednesday.**

The Department for Education asks that we prioritise **vulnerable children** and key-working families. Therefore, if your child has a social worker or if you would consider them vulnerable, we ask you to bring them to school on Wednesday. Similarly, if you are **key-working** parents who need your child to be in school, we can safely care for your child.

For other families, we do ask that children stay at home **where this is possible**. I appreciate that there will be situations where providing care at home will not be possible at this late notice. Therefore, we will respect your judgement and provide safe childcare where it is needed.

The provision at school will not necessarily be teacher-led. Instead, all children – at home and school – will be encouraged to challenge themselves to write an exciting adventure story on Wednesday. I would love to read some of these – please do share them at my email address below!

- If your child will be attending school on Wednesday, please complete the survey below by Monday 30th January to help us plan our provision.
- If your child is not attending school on Wednesday and usually receives benefits-related free school meals, we can provide a packed lunch for collection. Please complete the survey below *and* order 'School Trip Packed Lunch' on Aspens if you would like one for your child.
- If your child is attending school and requires a school lunch, please order this on Aspens as usual.

The survey can be found here: <https://forms.gle/YVyNEbKEEHEVisp37>. **Please complete one survey per child requiring a place at school or a packed lunch.**

Thank you all for your continued support. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to ask.

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