



Dear Parents and Carers

As you may already be aware, the National Education Union (NEU), has voted overwhelmingly to support teacher strike action in the coming weeks.

The following dates have been issued so far:

- **1st February 2023**
- **1st March 2023**
- **15th March 2023**
- **16th March 2023**

We appreciate that short notice closure will be inconvenient for families and will do what we can, within the legal guidance, to maintain some service. However, this may not be sufficient for all children to attend in the event of significant support for the action. Please be assured that we will communicate any plans about this first date as soon as possible.

Should it become necessary to close a number of classes or year groups, we will ensure that we give priority places to vulnerable children/young people and children of key workers and year groups due to take public examinations/formal assessments.

I will write to you again once I am in a position to confirm our arrangements for the above dates.

Yours sincerely,

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