



Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Planned strike action by the National Education Union (NEU)

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) has announced strike action, which is currently planned to take place in London on:

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Thursday 2nd March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

The strikes are happening because of a national dispute between the NEU and the Government over teachers' pay and the impact funding has had on schools over a number of years, and not because of any issues at our school. It is important to note that the Government is engaging in talks with the NEU so we will be waiting for any update on the current position with regards to the planned strike action.

We are therefore giving you advanced notice that it is possible some classes may be closed. We may need to close either or both of the schools on these days or run timetables which differ from our normal routine. The schools are currently carrying out risk assessments for the anticipated reduction in staff. Once a decision has been made you will be notified.

We are sorry you may have to make alternative arrangements for your child(ren), and that they may experience further disruption to their education, but hope that in communicating the uncertainty of the situation at this stage gives you time to make possible alternative arrangements.

We understand that this situation may be frustrating but both Newnham Infant and Nursery School and Newnham Junior School remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for your children and delivering high-quality teaching and learning.

We will inform you as soon as possible of further details and hope that a resolution can be reached between the NEU and the Government quickly.

Yours sincerely



Miss S Letch
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