



Wednesday 18th January 2023

Dear parent/carer

Industrial Action by the National Education Union (NEU)

I do hope this letter finds you well and 2023 has been a happy new year so far.

You may be aware that members of the NEU have voted to take strike action on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st February (all of England and Wales)
- Tuesday 28th February (Yorkshire and Humber)
- Wednesday 15th March (all of England and Wales)
- Thursday 16th March (all of England and Wales)

There are other dates for different regions as well.

Although Share Multi Academy Trust employs the staff, the dispute is with the government and concerns about funding of schools, the erosion of educators' pay and the subsequent difficulties this causes for recruitment, especially in shortage subjects.

Legally, we have to keep our schools open if we can. The only reason we can close a school is if the headteacher deems it to be unsafe for our pupils. In this case, that would be because we do not have enough staff available to supervise pupils safely. Some of our schools are likely to remain open to all pupils, whilst others may provide a more limited offer to specific year groups. It may be possible to set some work remotely but please bear in mind that staff taking strike action are unlikely to provide work for these days.

Headteachers are currently trying to find out how many staff will join the strike action. This will take us a few days. We will then share our plans with you on a school-by-school basis.

Generally, my advice is to assume your child will attend school but start making contingency arrangements in case we have to close. We will do all we can to confirm our plans as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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