

# NEU Strike Action

Dear parents/carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that NEU (National Education Union) have declared strike action, which will take place on the dates below. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over providing fully funded pay rise for teachers in line with inflation, and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on:

- Wednesday 1st February
- Tuesday 28th February
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

We will be open to all students who are children of key workers (a summary of key worker roles is provided below) or who are vulnerable. Before we can plan how many other students we can open the school to, we will need to know if your child will be accessing key worker/vulnerable provision.

Let us know if you will be using a place in school for your child because of your role as a key worker by completing this form here by Friday 27th January:

<https://forms.office.com/e/1NJDuv0U5Q>

Before we can plan how many other students we can open the school to, we will need to know if your child will be accessing keyworker/vulnerable provision.

When we have these numbers we will be considering several options, all of which include partial closure of the school. To facilitate this we will be moving some lessons online to those who have to work from home and whose teachers are not on strike.

We recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for these dates.

I'm sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Balshaw's remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Mr Haycocks