

Thursday 9th March 2023

Partial School Closure – Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March 2023

We will be open for children in Year 2 and Year 6 and children who attend Friday club.

Children in Y2 and Y6 MUST attend school. Absence will be recorded as unauthorised if your child does not attend on the 15th & 16th.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Planned strike action at Brookfields Primary School on 15th March & 16th March.

Background

We have had confirmation from NEU that members of the union intend to take formal industrial action by participating in a strike which will take place on **15th March & 16th March.**

The strike action is in relation to a national dispute around teacher and school staff pay. I wanted to take this opportunity to further explain the dispute and to also outline the school's plans during the strike.

What is the dispute which has led to the strike about?

As you may know, over the summer the Department for Education agreed to a 5% pay rise for teachers. Teaching unions across England and Scotland, including NEU are in dispute with the Department for Education regarding their request for teachers pay to keep up with inflation and the cost of living.

What will happen at the school during the strike?

Brookfields Primary will be partially closed on Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March 2023 due to the health and safety implications of staff striking.

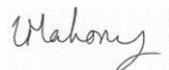
We will be open for children in Year 2 and Year 6 and children who attend Friday club.

We will keep you updated as to whether we have to close on any of the other 2 dates.

We appreciate that any closure may be disruptive to you, for which we apologise. We hope that you understand we have not taken these decisions lightly and had to take decisions to secure the health and safety of your child and any non-striking staff in consideration of anticipated heavily reduced numbers of staffing.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Mahony –
Headteacher