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**Headteacher:**  
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## NEU Strike Action

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide an update following my previous letter regarding the planned industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU).

Unfortunately, I have been informed today that the NEU intends to continue with the scheduled strike action next week. While I am continuing to engage in active negotiations with union representatives to find a resolution to this dispute, we must prepare for the likelihood of further closures. As a reminder, the dispute concerns matters related to teacher workloads and the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document.

Based on the current notice, the school will be closed to the majority of students on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, 13 January 2026**
- **Wednesday, 14 January 2026**
- **Tuesday, 20 January 2026**
- **Wednesday, 21 January 2026**
- **Thursday, 22 January 2026**

The safety and well-being of our students remain our primary concern. Because we will not have sufficient personnel to safely supervise the full student body, the following arrangements are in place:

- **Online Learning:** Work will be set for students to complete at home via our digital platforms. Specific instructions for next week's assignments will be shared shortly.
- **Vulnerable Students:** The school will remain open for vulnerable students. We will continue to communicate with these families directly to confirm arrangements.
- **Free School Meals:** Students eligible for free school meals can collect a packed lunch from the school between **12:40 pm and 1:20 pm** on strike days.
- **Childcare Support:** If these closures create significant childcare challenges, please contact us at [info@littleilford.school](mailto:info@littleilford.school), and we will do our best to assist where possible.

Please be assured that we are actively negotiating and the NEU continues to engage positively in this process. We fully understand the disruption this causes to your child's education and your family's daily routine, and we remain committed to reaching a resolution.

I will continue to keep you updated as soon as any further information becomes available. Thank you for your continued patience, support, and understanding.



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Yours sincerely,

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