

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Caterpillar Parents/Carers,

## RE: Industrial Action – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

You will be aware from the news, and my previous letter, that the NEU have declared strike action, the first day of which will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the teaching unions and the government over funding and pay and not because of any issues at our school.

### Caterpillars Pre-School will be open as usual on Wednesday.

The school kitchens will also be able to provide hot lunches for Caterpillar children, if required.

Unfortunately, we are having to close the rest of the school for all other children. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for our pupils, and feel that we would be unable to provide this in the main school with the staff we will have available.

We are working closely with union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

We will further assess the situation for future planned strike dates (Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March) and will write and share plans prior to these dates.

Kind regards,



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