

Monday 30th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Industrial Action – Wednesday 1st 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 1st 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.

I'm sorry to inform you that **Millbrook Primary School will be closed on Wednesday 1st February. We are asking you not to send your child into school on this day.**

We have not taken this decision lightly and have worked with the Chairs of Governors to thoroughly risk assess the situation. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for our pupils, and feel that we would be unable to provide this with the staff we will have available.

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

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their 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.

Teachers will not be providing online work on Wednesday, however your child can access the usual online platforms for independent learning via the 'Remote Learning' tab on the school website.

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 2nd, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March) and will write and share plans prior to these dates.

We will be providing packed lunches for those who qualify for (benefits related) Free School Meals and children will bring these home on Tuesday.

Kind regards,



Karen Pyman
Head teacher - Millbrook Primary School