



# SEATON VALLEY FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Strike Action – 15 & 16 March 2023

As you will be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has called a number of strikes in their dispute with the government. The next dates for strike action are Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 2023. At the moment we are unable to say how this will affect the 3 schools in the Federation.

This is because we are not sure if we will have staff who are unable to work because they will have to be at home looking after their children because the schools that their children attend are closed due to the strike action. The staff in the federation have let us know what they are planning to do concerning the strike and it is our aim to offer as much education to as many pupils in school as we can.

My aim is to write to you Monday 13 March at the latest, to let you know what will be happening. I appreciate that you would want firm details before then, sadly I am not in a position to do that at this point in time.

If the schools are closed to any or all pupils, we will put in place the following support:

If you are a teacher, someone who works in education or emergency services work or a medical worker we will offer your child a place in school for that day.

If your child has an EHCP or is a “vulnerable child”, we will offer them a place in school that day.

Sadly, if your child does not fall into one of those areas or you as a worker do not fall into those areas and the schools are closed, your child will have to work from home.

As I say, it is our aim and desire to keep as many pupils in school on that day as possible. However, I wanted to let you know that we may have to have some pupils working at home. Further details will be shared in any future letters.

If your child qualifies for a free school meal, we will provide a food pack for the day and those pupils will be advised of the collection details.



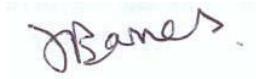
We will share with you 2 google documents. One will be for those people who need a free school meal to identify what they will be doing. The other will be for people to identify if they are key workers and they will need their children to attend school on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 2023.

We will contact parents/carers directly of ECHP and vulnerable pupils to offer them a place in school.

I hope that this is clear but I will write with final details.

I accept and understand that you may well feel frustrated by these events but we will do our very best to support you and our pupils.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'JBarnes', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

John Barnes  
Executive Headteacher

