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National Education Union Strike action

Dear Parent or Carer,

As you are aware from previous communications, the NEU announced strike action to take place nationally and in certain regions. The West Midlands is affected on Wednesday 1st March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. Obviously, this is an ever-changing situation and other teaching unions are reballoting members and if the required threshold is reached it may mean we have multiple unions striking at the same time.

I have been informed by some members that they will be taking industrial action and for that reason their classes will be closed. **The following classes will NOT be open on Wednesday 1st March: Reception, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.**

Children in these classes should stay at home and not attend school. I advise that the children not in school are given meaningful activities to do at home. I direct you to the Oak Academy website - <https://classroom.thenational.academy/> - Where you will find activities for each year group in a range of subjects.

More classes may be affected (members have the right not to inform school until the last minute).

The children in **Year 1** will have lessons in school as normal and they **must attend**, unless there is an appropriate reason, such as illness.

If your child is entitled to a free school meal, you will be able to collect a packed lunch from the school office between 12.00-12.30pm on Wednesday 1st, if you so wish. Please contact the school office no later than 3.30pm today if you want to place an order.

The current industrial action is about, is fighting for a better funded, better education system for all our children.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Elliott'.

Mrs. M.Elliott

Head Teacher