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Our ref: Teacher Strikes parent info
Your ref:
Date: 27.01.2023
Telephone:
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Dear parent or carer

Teacher strikes

As you are no doubt aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has announced four days of industrial action, or strikes, for all its members, on:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Wednesday 1 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

Information about the action taken by the NEU can be found on its website: <https://neu.org.uk/>

Each school will be affected differently by the strike action, which is why it is important to check your school's website and direct further communication directly to them.

The national Department for Education (DfE) has asked headteachers to prioritise attendance for examination year groups, vulnerable pupils, and children of critical workers.

Your headteacher should outline what education provision the school will be able to make depending on the number of teachers and support staff available, but this might not be known until the morning of each strike day.

Please visit your child or children's schools' website or contact the school office directly for further information.

Yours faithfully

The Education Team

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Headteacher: Alexis Bull

24th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Industrial action

As you may be aware, on Monday 16th January, the National Education Union (NEU) confirmed that its members will be striking over pay on four separate days in February and March. I am writing to inform you about what this means and how it will impact your child.

Currently, strikes that will impact our academy are scheduled to take place on the below dates:

- Wednesday 1st February (All schools in England and Wales)
- Thursday 2nd March (London, South East, South West)
- Wednesday 15th March (All schools in England and Wales)
- Thursday 16th March (All schools in England and Wales)

Striking is the right of every teacher who is part of a union and is a personal choice, which we respect as an academy and Trust. As the Academy's Headteacher, it is my primary responsibility to ensure our pupils receive the highest standard of education and care.

The strike will lead to a level of disruption, however over the past few weeks I have been working with my leadership team to develop plans to ensure that we are able to minimise this for key groups of pupils. Therefore, I am pleased to say that on the above days we will remain open.

Your child has been identified as a pupil that should attend school as normal on the days above. We will provide details directly to them about the timetable arrangements.

We will continue to communicate with you and keep you updated on the arrangements or any changes to the planned strike action.

Finally, I want to thank you for being so supportive as part of the school community in what has been a challenging period. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at abull@suttonhouse.org.uk or any member of our senior leadership team.

Yours sincerely,



Alexis Bull
Headteacher