

10th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As I mentioned in my letter of the 21st January and 24th February, our school is going to be affected by the strike action called by the National Education Union (NEU) on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March**.

As you know, our teachers who are going on strike have always committed to give the school plenty of notice about their intended action so the school community can make arrangements for the days of the strike action. I am sure you will agree, any decision taken must place the health, safety and welfare of our pupils and staff first.

Strike action is the NEU's response to a disagreement with the government. It is a difficult decision for many colleagues, and a choice the individual must make, as they are not paid for the days they are on strike.

Recognising and respecting the right of our staff to make their own decision on this matter is important. We ask that all members of our community continue to treat each other with respect during this period of strike action. On the day of the strike, it must not be assumed that if a member of staff is not in work then they must be on strike. Staff may be absent for many other reasons.

As you will have seen in the press, talks between the government and the NEU are ongoing. If there is an agreement reached between the parties before Wednesday 15th March, the strike action will be called off. If this is the case, I will notify all parents and carers via Parentmail and the school website.

We will be closing 8 classes on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March**. They are:

- Apple
- Pear
- Ash
- Cherry
- Maple
- Willow
- Hawthorn
- Birch



Oak, Beech and Poplar classes will remain open from 8:40 – 3:05pm and children in those classes are expected to attend school.

Children who receive free school meals

If your child receives a free school meal, we will still provide a hot meal for your child. Please bring your child to school at 12pm on 15th and 16th March and pick them up at 12:50pm. They will be able to come into the hall to eat lunch and play in the playground afterwards as they normally would.

Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast and after school club will still be available for the children in Oak, Beech and Poplar on 15th and 16th March.

As always, please come and speak to me if you have any questions about the 15th and 16th March.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lee Dallinger'.

Mr Lee Dallinger