



Yelvertoft Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers

Industrial Action Wednesday 1st February 2023

The school has received notification from the NEU that its members propose to take industrial strike action on Wednesday 1st February 2023. This action relates to: The NEU is in a formal trade dispute with the Secretary of State for Education because she has failed to give the undertaking sought by the NEU to make available additional and sufficient funds to allow employers to pay a fully funded increase in teachers' pay at a rate greater than inflation (as measured by September 2022 RPI).

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

We have undertaken a detailed risk assessment for the school and to safeguard children's safety I and the Governing Body have concluded that there is a strong possibility that we will have to close the school for pupils on Wednesday 1st February 2023. If this happens then the school will reopen on Thursday 2nd February.

I will not be able to confirm whether the school will be open or closed until the morning of Wednesday 1st February but wanted to keep you informed so you can make any necessary preparations for your children in the event of school closure. If we have sufficient qualified staff available to maintain health and safety standards as well as safeguarding then we will remain open. In the event of needing to close I will let you know on the School Jotter as soon as possible on the day and by 8am at the latest.

At present we do not know if there will be any changes to the industrial action prior to the strike days but we are preparing for the possibility of needing to close if we have insufficient staff to maintain health & safety and safeguarding provision for the pupils.

Each day of industrial strike action will be risk assessed separately and is our intention where possible to remain open for the pupils. I will keep you informed regarding arrangements for any further industrial strike.

Yours sincerely

MA Servent

Mel Servent
Headteacher

