



The Forest School
Every Child, Every Chance



Industrial Action

Dear Parent/Carers,

As you will be aware from my previous communication, the National Education Union (NEU) balloted members on strike action, which it has stated will go ahead on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023. While the planned action is the result of a dispute between the union and the government, this action will have an impact on our school. In anticipation of this action, we have prepared a response plan to try to minimise disruption and ensure as many of our pupils as possible are still able to attend school in person. Unfortunately, we may still need to make changes on the day.

Our plan is currently to **CLOSE** the following classes on **Thursday 16th March ONLY**:

Sunflower – class teacher Miss Lucy Woodward
8EC – class teacher Miss Emily Curran
9KD – class teacher Mr Kevin Doherty
9SC – class teacher Miss Shara Clark
10CB – class teacher Mrs Claire Brooke
11JB – class teacher Mrs Jocelyn Batchelor

All other classes will remain open as usual. Lesson links for remote learning will be sent out before 09:30 in the morning.

At this time I am not aware of any industrial action on **Wednesday 15th March** and expect the school to be **OPEN** for all pupils as normal on this day. However, it is within the staff members' rights to not make a final decision until the day of the proposed strike action, so this position may change.

We appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and you may need to change your plans or working arrangements whilst this action is ongoing. We will of course continue to monitor our arrangements and make modifications to improve support wherever possible. If the strike action is called off, we will confirm this as soon as possible. If this happens, then school will be open as usual for all pupils.

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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