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Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **NEU Teacher Strike Action**

As I know you will have all seen in the news, teachers who belong to the NEU have voted to strike. The following dates have been confirmed in the South-East of England.

- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Whilst teachers are not obliged to make me aware if they intend to strike, our staff have met and agreed to give us notice of their intention so we can prepare and assess the health and safety implications and staffing levels for the first date of action, **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

What we cannot know until this date (unless all teachers in all other schools choose to give advanced notice) is the number of staff who have school aged children *attending other schools* who may be required to look after their own children. If your child is eligible against the limited capacity identified below they may be looked after by school staff they are less familiar with.

With the vast majority of our teachers belonging to the NEU and taking strike action we will be left with dramatically reduced staff numbers on this day. Staff unaffected by their own child's school closures and not belonging to the NEU, will be in school that day to care for the children who will be attending.

**For the reasons above, we can only safely admit a limited number of children and this may take the form of childcare rather than schooling. Children who currently hold an EHCP, are in care/looked after/previously looked after or who's parents are due to work as emergency/critical workers will be accommodated if at all possible.**

**It may be that if demands for spaces extend beyond our available staffing levels, we will need to prioritise certain criteria to match safe staffing levels and admit a more refined criteria.**

The survey link applies to the parents of children who have an EHCP/ Child in Care / Child Previously in Care or Parents due to work that day in critical services. Please complete this survey by the end of this week – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G55BNGQ>

Children who qualify for **Free School Meals but who will not be in school**, will be provided with a school packed lunch that can be collected on the day. Please complete the link below by **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January midday** to order this for your child and read collection details. For this survey, please complete one survey per child.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BKZZ5M9>

We will communicate about forthcoming strike dates with as much notice as possible and as soon as we know any relevant details for our school.

Kind regards,

Matt Rawling