



# Repton Manor Primary School

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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **NEU Teacher Strike Action: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

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

- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Whilst teachers are not obliged to make us 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 next date of action: **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.**

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 these days. Staff unaffected by their own child's school closures and not belonging to the NEU, will be in school on those days 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/key 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 / key services. Please complete this survey by **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 12noon.**

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

For any child who gains a school space on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, the school lunch will be:

Wednesday - Beef sausage and mash potato OR Jacket potato with a choice of the regular toppings

Thursday - Chicken and vegetable pie OR Mac n Cheese

(If your child has any special dietary requirements please get in touch with the school office)

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 13<sup>th</sup> March, 12noon** 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 the forthcoming strikes with as much notice as possible and as soon as we know any relevant details for our school.

**Please be advised that if the national strikes are cancelled at short notice or less teachers decide to strike, it could be that we open as usual. We will keep you updated.** *We appreciate that parents would have made alternative arrangements to cover child care on these dates and will take this into consideration should that happen).*

Kind regards

**Jackie chambers**  
Head of School