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7<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### **NEU Strike Action – School Closure to pupils on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Dear Parent / Carer

Following on from my previous letters, the National Education Union (NEU) has authority from its ballot to call upon its members to take part in industrial action. In addition to the action taken on 1<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February, strike action is planned to take place on the following dates:

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023** - Strike Action: **National**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023** - Strike Action: **National**

As the majority of our teachers are members of the NEU, we anticipate significant numbers of our teachers may take strike action and we will not know the number of staff in school until the morning of any strike day.

Having considered the potential impact on our learners, and with the health and safety of the pupils paramount to our decisions, we can confirm that the **school will be closed to all pupils on the next planned strike days (Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March)**. For clarity, the arrangements for the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March will be the same as they were for the industrial action on 1<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Should there be any change to this, arising from any discussions between the teaching unions and the government, I will contact you again to confirm the school being open to pupils.

#### **Home Learning**

For all children, we will provide home learning tasks which we will share with you before the days of the school closure. We appreciate that the industrial action continues to pose several issues for parents and, with that in mind, the work that we will direct you towards will be optional. It will not be compulsory.

#### **Free School Meals**

For children in receipt of Free School Meals, including all children in Reception and KS1 we will be offering a food grab bag. The grab bag will contain a cheese sandwich, biscuit, piece of fruit and salad pot. To ensure the necessary items are ordered please complete the google form so the kitchen know how many to prepare. Please complete the google form below by 9am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Ordered grab bags can be collected from school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 12pm until 12:30pm. Please indicate all children in your family that require a grab bag.

[Google Form: Request for Free School Meal Grab Bag 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March](#)

#### **Breakfast Club, After school Club and Enrichment Clubs**

Breakfast Club and After school club will also be closed on the strike days. Parents whose children attend the Yoga club, Intermediate Cheerleading, KS1 Club, Year 3 Dance club or Advanced Cheerleading club will receive a refund for this session directly from school via Pay360.

We understand the difficulty that the strike action and subsequent closure of our school to children may pose for our families and would like to reiterate that our decision for these strike days (Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March) has been taken to ensure the health and safety of all our learners.

If you have any further questions at this stage then please contact [enquiries@walkley.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@walkley.sheffield.sch.uk) or contact the office and ask to speak to Mr Wallis on 0114 2340550.

Kind Regards

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