

Thursday 26th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carers

Re: Strike Action

I am sure you will be aware from recent media reports that the largest teacher union, NEU have declared strike action, which will take place on 1st February, 1st March, 15th March and 16th March. I am writing to give you as much notice as possible of the likely impact of this action on our school.

Our sincere hope is that a resolution to the current dispute can be found. This is not a matter the trust can resolve locally. Our overriding priority is to minimise as much as we can, the potential negative impact on and disruption to our pupils and we will do everything possible to maintain normal education provision throughout any period of action.

While the planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the union and the government, and not Community Academies Trust, it is important that we respond accordingly. As such, the senior leadership team at school has been working closely with staff to plan for the strike days. At this stage, we understand that a significant number of colleagues will be taking industrial action.

We have looked at the school timetable/school day for Wednesday 1st February 2023 to see if we can manage the safe supervision of pupils. Because of the significant number of teachers absent due to strike action we are not able to ensure the safe supervision of our pupils; accordingly, Woodloes Primary School will be closed on Wednesday 1st February 2023, for all pupils, including Saplings pre-school.

I apologise for having to close school and for any inconvenience this causes you. There will be provision for children eligible for FSM to receive a packed lunch on the day in question and further information about this will follow.

I will write to you to confirm the school arrangements as soon as I am able before each strike day.

If you have any questions or concerns about the arrangements outlined above, please speak to Helen Williams in the school office, in the first instance.

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Andy Mitchell (Head Teacher)