



24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023

Dear parent/carer

Further to the notification that the NEU has now given notice for a series of national and regional strikes. The union will be calling on their teacher members to take strike action on the following dates:

- **Wednesday February 1st (National strike)**
- **Wednesday 1st March (West Midlands Regional strike)**
- **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March (National strikes)**

We are still working with members of the NEU in our school to determine any impact that this strike action may have on the operation of our school.

We have been advised by the LA that the following DFE guidance should be used to prioritise places in the event we have to limit attendance due to strikes.

Continued attendance is important for all pupils. However, if the numbers of staff on strike mean we need to temporarily prioritise places in our school we must, where possible, apply the principles set out in the emergency planning and response guidance by giving priority to vulnerable children and young people and children of critical workers.

Further guidance on the roles that fall under the critical worker category can be found using below link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

In order for us get a full and accurate picture of how many children the above may affect and enable us to make a decision on whether a full or partial school closure is required, we would be grateful if you could complete the following survey by clicking here

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QF29WJD>. This will help to inform us that you meet the criteria of a critical worker **and you are unable to make alternative arrangements for the above listed strike days**. The deadline for returning this to us is Thursday at 16:00pm. If we receive no response from you, we will assume you do not require a place as you do not meet the criteria or that you have been able to make other arrangements.

By registering that you meet the critical worker criteria, does not mean that your child can attend school on strike day. The information will be used purely to guide our decision making for closure on these days. We will inform all parents of the full position for February 1<sup>st</sup> in writing on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. For subsequent strike days, we will use the survey results to help guide our decision making.

Thank you for your continued support.

*J.H.O'Connor*

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