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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **National Strike Action by the NEU taking place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

We have been advised by the City Council that NEU Teaching members are proposing to take strike action on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023, as a further step in their national dispute over pay.

After carefully considering the position in our school including the operational and health and safety implications, the decision has been made to **partially close the school**. **This action is not taken lightly and has been taken after consultation with the chair of governors.**

The school will **not be open** to the following classes on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

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|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| • Reception Beta | Reception Delta | Reception Gamma |
| • 1Beta          | 1Delta          | 1Gamma          |
| • 2Beta          | 2Delta          | 2Gamma          |
| • 3Beta          | 3Delta          |                 |
| • 4Beta          |                 |                 |
| • 5Beta          |                 | 5Gamma          |
| • 6Beta          |                 |                 |

The school will be open as normal to the following classes on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

- Nursery
- 3Gamma
- 4Delta
- 4Gamma
- 5Delta
- 6Delta
- 6Gamma

We will also have provision for our pupils with an Education Health Care Plan and some of our more vulnerable pupils (DFE guidance). We will contact these families this afternoon to offer a place.

Where you have paid a meal on the day of the strike action, the credit will stay on your account and can be used on another occasion.

If you are in receipt of free school meals, you will receive a Tesco voucher by email.

On the day of the strike action, children are asked to read as much as possible, practise spellings and times tables.

Children can access learning on the following websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://classroom.thenational.academy>

We have been informed by the NEU that there will be a picket outside the school on the strike day. We have been reassured that staff who are picketing will be following the NEU guidance for picket lines. They may be handing out leaflets and talking to parents.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change any further.

I am sorry about the potential disruption to your child's education but know you will appreciate that this action is part of a national agenda.

These arrangements are correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of writing this letter. Can we please ask that you check your emails regularly for any further communications as we may need to react quickly to any further developments.

Thank you for your support and understanding at this challenging time. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Jacqueline McGibney

Head Teacher