



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Strike Action

You may be aware from media coverage that The National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, the first of these strike dates will take place on **Wednesday 1st February 2023**. There are a number of additional strike days planned which may affect our schools, these are:

- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023**
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

The strikes are happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our schools.

We are getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February and all of the above dates**. We are currently considering several options, some of these possibilities include moving lessons online, a partial closure or closing the school.

**We recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for these dates although we cannot confirm at this stage if this will be necessary.**

We are sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. We understand that this situation may be frustrating. The Heathland Whitefriars Federation remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching and we will be reviewing risk assessments as necessary to ensure we are able to do this during the strikes.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and we will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office or speak to a member of staff.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher, Primary

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Headteacher, Secondary