

Thursday 23 February 2023

Dear Parents

Notification of Partial Closure on Thursday 2 March 2023 due to Strike Action

As you are aware we have been informed by **NEU (National Education Union)** that there will be a day of strike action by their teacher members on **Thursday 2 March 2023**. The dispute is with the Secretary of State for Education with regards to the NEU view that there has been a '*Failure to provide a fully funded above-inflation pay rise (as measured by September 2022 RPI). A fully funded pay rise is one that is funded by additional resources sufficient to provide the above-inflation pay rise' (NEU)*.

As Headteacher I have assessed the impact of the strike action on the school and have decided that the school will **only be open** for the following classes/children only Thursday 2 March 2023:

- Acorn Class
- Tulip Class
- Snowdrop Class
- Bluebell Class
- Grasshopper Class
- Ladybird Class
- Saturn Class
- Jupiter Class
- Neptune Class
- Picasso Class
- **Vulnerable pupils** across the school (Senior Leaders will be in touch to inform families of vulnerable pupils)
- **Pupils of NHS staff and any other emergency services** to protect public services. If you are NHS staff or work for any other emergency service, please contact the school office to let them know. We will then confirm the arrangements with you.

All other classes are closed. This decision has not been taken lightly and we regret having to close the school to most pupils but have done this to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils. Please see information below for all other provisions:

Provision	Open Classes (Or invited vulnerable pupils/pupils of NHS staff and any other emergency service)	Closed Classes
Extend Breakfast Club	Remains open.	Closed - The 2 March session will be credited to the next term
Extend After School Club	Remains open.	Remains open – please complete this form by Tuesday 28 February to inform the school if you would like your child to come in and attend. On arrival, please bring your child to the Dining Hall at 3:25pm. The 2 March session will be credited to the next term if your child is in a closed class and a form is not completed.
Enrichment Clubs	Remain open.	Remains open - please complete this form by Tuesday 28 February to inform the school if you would like your child to come in and attend. On arrival, please bring your child to the school office at 3:25pm. The 2 March session will be refunded if your child is in a closed class and a form is not completed.
The Pantry	Continue to book your child/ren's meal choice as usual.	Cancel your child/ren's meal for the day to avoid a charge.

Our sincere apologies for the difficulties that these arrangements will cause parents but unfortunately these are circumstances beyond our control. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

The school will open as normal on **Friday 3 March**.

Please note that there will also be strike action by the NEU teacher members on the following dates:

- Wednesday 15 March 2023 (The Year 5 VIAM trip will still go ahead this day)
- Thursday 16 March 2023

I will inform you on whether the school/specific classes will be closed on these dates closer to the time, giving you as much notice as I can. As a precaution, I recommend that you start to consider alternative childcare arrangements for these dates.

Best Wishes

Tijen Hassan
Headteacher