

Thursday 26 January 2023

Dear Parents

Notification of Partial Closure on Wednesday 1 February 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 **Wednesday 1 February 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 Wednesday 1 February 2023:

- Acorn Class
- Tulip Class
- Bluebell Class
- Grasshopper Class
- Ladybird Class
- Saturn Class
- Mercury Class
- Jupiter Class
- Neptune Class
- Picasso Class
- Vulnerable pupils across the school (Senior Leaders will be in touch to inform families of vulnerable pupils)
- The children in the above classes can attend Extend (breakfast and afterschool) and/or enrichment clubs if they are booked on as usual that day.

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 note if your child is booked onto Extend (Breakfast & Afterschool Club) on Wednesday 1 February, the session will be credited to the next term. If your child attends an enrichment club, this will be refunded to you.

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 **Thursday 2 February**.

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

- Thursday 2 March 2023
- 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