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Upcoming NEU Strike Action – 15th & 16th March

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Dear Parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you that as things stand the NEU has planned two further days of strike action next week. Members of the NEU will be striking on the 15th and 16th March (next Wednesday and Thursday).

As on the previous two strike days, I expect to be without any teachers for the **15th and 16th March** and so have taken the difficult decision that again **WE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN** on those days. Unless I am informed that I will have any teachers available, or there is movement in terms of the negotiations between the NEU and government that means the strike is called off, **we will be closed**.

As previously communicated, the strike is part of the dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions and how they are funded, and not because of any issues at our school. I know colleagues in this union do not take these decisions lightly and that for them striking is a last resort in their attempts to influence government to make the changes they see as fundamental to ensuring a strong and effective teaching landscape in all our schools.

As before I would ask you to encourage your children to use the range of activities and weblinks that are available on the school website (see <https://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/parents/home-learning>) as well as the Time Table Rockstars and Mathletics online learning platforms. Also, encourage them to read the books they have borrowed from school or may have at home or to do an artwork for the calendar competition or begin their entry for the Easter Egg decorating competition.

Caterlink will be providing a school packed lunch that can be collected on each day of the strike for any children entitled to a free school meal. **PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE BY THIS MONDAY IF YOU PLAN TO COME IN TO COLLECT A LUNCH. The packed lunch will be available for collection between 10-11am.**

I'm sorry that you will again have to make alternative arrangements for your child, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Fleet Primary School and all our staff remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching. We are working closely with our staff union representative to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions, please contact admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk

Yours Sincerely,

Don McGibbon - Head Teacher