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Upcoming NEU Strike Action

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU teaching union have declared strike action which will take place on Wednesday 1st February 2023, Thursday 2nd March 2023, Wednesday 15th March 2023 and Thursday 16th March 2023.

The strike is happening because of a national 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.

I'm writing to you to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for the above dates. For the **1st February** strike date, as all our teachers are members of the NEU, we will have no teachers onsite and so **WE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN**. We are not in a position yet to say what arrangements we will be making for the actions set for March.

I cannot ask striking staff to set work, nor can I ask them to upload materials to Seesaw. However, there are links to a range of activities and weblinks for children to use available on the school website (see <https://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/parents/home-learning>) as well as the Time Table Rockstars and Mathematics online learning platforms children could use on this day as well as reading the books they have borrowed from school. Please encourage your child to engage with some online work and reading while they are at home

Caterlink will be providing a school packed lunch that can be collected on the day of the strike on the 1st February for any children entitled to a free school meal. **PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 27th JANUARY - IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER AND COLLECT A LUNCH. The packed lunch will be available for collection between 10-11am.**

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, 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 representatives 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