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RE: National Education Union Strike Action arranged for Wednesday 1st February 2023

Dear parents and carers,

This afternoon I wrote to you with information about the potential effect of the National Education Union (NEU) planned strike action for Wednesday 1st February 2023. After my earlier email, I have now been given the appropriate guidance and clarity around intentions to let you know how this will affect our school next week.

As I wrote earlier, there are a number of members of the National Education Union amongst our staff team, and as a Union they have voted to strike in dispute with the government. I hope you realise that the decision to strike is not something that any adult in school would take lightly. The action represents the force of feeling from NEU members about the current conditions for staff working in schools in England. Staff members who are not members of the NEU do not have the option to strike at the present time.

As a result of this strike action, some classes will be totally closed on Wednesday 1st February, and some classes will be open as normal for the school day.

Class is closed due to NEU strike action. Children should not attend on Wednesday 1 st February.	Class is unaffected by the NEU strike action. Children should attend as usual on Wednesday 1 st February.
RL and RW 2W and 2FP 3S 4H 5H 6W	Nursery 1O and 1B 3A 4N 5W 6D and 6WO

If you child's class is closed, they will not be able to attend on that day. As previously stated, absence due to a class being closed for a strike day is not counted for your child's attendance, so they will not be penalised. Children not in school due to the strike action can access learning from:

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage> and for those children eligible for a Free



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School Meal, we will provide a pre-ordered lunch for collection from school at 12pm on the 1st February. If you would like to book a packed lunch please click here: <https://forms.gle/37eLw9wgHFiEZh4DA> by 12pm on Monday.

BASC is unaffected, and will be in operation as usual. If you do not need BASC because your child is unable to attend due to the strike action, I will arrange for an appropriate credit to be made for your booking on this day. If you pay for school lunches, you will not be charged for a school meal that is not taken on this day. School will be open – so if there are any problems on the day, please do not hesitate to contact us as usual.

The NEU has informed the government of future strikes in Birmingham on Wednesday 1st March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. At present, it is likely that a similar response will be needed and that classes will again need to be closed. Of course, as soon as I know any more I will let you know. It would be a good idea to consider the childcare implications for this, and to provisionally make appropriate arrangements if you can.

Yours sincerely,



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