



Thursday 19th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been notified of possible industrial action by members of the NEU, the union representing some of the teachers in our school, on the dates listed below:

Wednesday 1st February 2023

Thursday 2nd March 2023

Wednesday 15th March 2023

Thursday 16th March 2023

You may be aware that the trade dispute with the Secretary of State for Education is *“as a result of the failure to give an undertaking to make available additional and sufficient funds to allow employers to pay a fully-funded increase in the pay of teachers at a rate greater than inflation.”*

As you know, our Barrow Hedges staff are utterly committed to the learning and wellbeing of our children. Any staff who choose to be part of this industrial action will be striking for a number of important reasons related to education funding, not just pay; please treat them kindly.

If I receive advanced notice of strike action by any teacher, I will let parents know so that you can plan accordingly, but please be aware that teachers do not have to confirm their intention to participate in strike action. I will come back to parents with more information at the earliest opportunity. In the meantime, please start to plan for class closures on the dates above. We are aware that one of the dates coincides with the third day of our Year 4 residential to Hooke Court but do not expect this to be affected.

Yours sincerely

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