

St Paul's

C of E Primary School



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Tuesday 21st February 2023

NEU Strike Action

Dear Parents and Carers,

The next proposed strike day is Tuesday 28th of February.

The full list of projected strike days affecting schools in York are as follows:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales.
- Tuesday 28 February 2023: all eligible members in the following English regions: Northern, North West, Yorkshire & The Humber.
- Wednesday 15 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales.
- Thursday 16 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales

I therefore wanted to send this letter out to you again so that you are aware of the proposed dates and can make any necessary emergency arrangements should your child be affected. I also wanted to inform you about how we will coordinate our response on each of these days.

Union members are not obliged to inform employers if they intend to strike. This therefore makes it very difficult for schools to assess and plan adequate staffing levels in advance of strike days. We aim to give as much notice as we can, but are unable to guarantee this due to the nature of strikes.

Therefore we will communicate with you as soon as we know more about each class and if there are any additional class closures on each of these mornings, families will be notified **before 8:00am** by email.

Please be aware of the above dates and, if necessary, prepare for the possibility of requiring emergency childcare. Keep in mind that if your child's class is closed (because their usual teacher that day is striking), they would be unable to attend school.

We understand the impact that this may have on children and working families and, equally, are respectful of our colleagues' rights to take legal industrial action if they wish. As a school and a Headteacher, we remain completely neutral in situations such as these and we naturally value your patience and understanding as we try to navigate a difficult national situation.

Best wishes,

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