

Monday 13th March 2023

Dear Families,

RE: Industrial Action by the National Education Union – Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March 2023

On 16th January the National Education Union (NEU), one of the trade unions representing the teaching profession, announced its intention to strike.

The NEU has said it will hold strikes on:

- Wednesday, February 1 (England and Wales),
- Thursday, 2 March (London, South East, South West regions)
- Wednesday, 15 March (England and Wales)
- Thursday, 16 March (England and Wales)

I have been informed that nearly every teacher, will be taking industrial action. Having reviewed our options based on the impact of staffing (to what we are aware of at this point) and pupil safety, Bonneville Primary Schools will be closed to all children on Wednesday 15th March & Thursday 16th March 2023.

Whilst the school will be open to non-striking staff, they are not permitted to undertake duties that they would normally not do, such as covering for colleagues who are on strike. It is therefore not possible to provide a safe environment for any children on that day.

If your child usually attends clubs (in the morning and after school) on that day you will not be charged as the service will not be operating.

If your child usually attends an extra-curricular club, they will not be operating, and we will either run an additional session or refund you for that session. We will forward more information to the relevant families about this.

If you wish for your child to undertake learning activities at home, you may wish to explore the following:

- BBC Bitesize has a range of primary age learning activities: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>
- The National Academy <https://classroom.thenational.academy>
- Any activities on google classroom that they have not yet engaged with or completed

Lunches

If your child usually has a **free** school meal, we will be inviting those children in for a school meal at the following times:

- 11:30am - 12:30pm – Reception, Yr1 & Yr2
- 12:30pm - 13:30pm - Yr3, Yr4, Y5 & Yr6

Children will be met and collected by an adult at their usual drop off gate at the appropriate times above. Please let us know, by email, if you are intending to send your child in to school.

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I appreciate that this closure will impact families and I am sorry for the inconvenience caused. However, as an experienced headteacher, I will add that the financial situation for schools is more challenging than at any time in my leadership experience and I hope that any pay increases awarded are fully funded, which has not been the case so far.

If you have any questions, please do contact me or other senior leaders in the usual ways including on the school gates.

Regards,



Ms A. Parker
Executive Headteacher

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