

Tuesday 7th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Strike Action on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March**

Further to my previous letters about the NEU strike action, I am now writing to you about the next teacher strikes which are due to take place on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. The strikes are happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over the lack of funding for schools which results in a lack of resources and pay and not because of any issues at our school. Teachers who choose to take strike action do so knowing that these days will be unpaid.

If pupils are not attending school they will be able to access online learning through Google Classroom. This will include links to online resources and games which they can use to continue to develop Reading, Writing and Maths skills.

If you do not have a device at home to access online learning, please speak to the school office, who may be able to provide you with a device.

**On Wednesday 15th March:**

**Only pupils in Reception and Year 5 will be able to attend school.**

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals (**Year 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 only**), packed lunches will be delivered to classes by home time the day before the strike. These will need to be pre-ordered by 4:00pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March for the strike day on 15th March as they need to be ordered by the catering company one week in advance of the strike. Pre-orders can be submitted through this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/aYSfSuTAXTS73bEn8>

Breakfast club will continue to run as usual but **After School Care will not run on this strike day.**

**On Thursday 16th March:**

**Only pupils in Nursery, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will be able to attend school.**

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals (**Reception & Year 6 only**), packed lunches will be delivered to classes by home time the day before the strike. These will need to be pre-ordered by 4:00pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March for the strike day on 16th March as they need to be ordered by the catering company one week in advance of the strike. Pre-orders can be submitted through this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/5QdfaJFdDPipZdjf8>

Breakfast club and After School Care will continue to run as usual on this strike day.

**All of the information about which classes are closed/open is summarised in a table at the end of this letter.**

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. Woodlands Academy 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. This may include contacting individual year groups about changes to circumstances.

If you have any questions, please contact myself or Miss Moxom via [office@woodlands.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:office@woodlands.ealing.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Ms C Hasker

Headteacher

#### Is my Child's Year group open/closed on Strike Days?

	Wednesday 15th March	Thursday 16th March
Nursery	Closed	Open
Reception	Open	Closed
Year 1	Closed	Open
Year 2	Closed	Open
Year 3	Closed	Open
Year 4	Closed	Open
Year 5	Open	Open
Year 6	Closed	Closed