

Monday 23rd January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Strike Action on 1st February

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place on 1st February, 2nd March, 15th March and 16th March. The strike is 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.

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for 1st February:

Only pupils in Nursery, Reception and Year 2 will be able to attend school.

Other pupils 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.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, packed lunches will be available to collect from the office the day before the strike at 3pm. These will need to be pre-ordered by Wednesday 25th January for the first strike day on 1st February. Pre-orders can be submitted through this Google Form: [FSM Pre-Orders](#).

Breakfast club, After School Clubs and After School Care will continue to run on strike days as usual.

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. Information about strike action on 2nd March, 15th March and 16th March will be made available nearer the time.

If you have any questions, please contact myself or Miss Moxom via office@woodlands.ealing.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Ms C Hasker

Headteacher

