



The Heys School

25th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU have declared strike action, which will take place on:

Wednesday 1st February 2023

Tuesday 28th February 2023

Wednesday 15th March 2023

Thursday 16th March 2023

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions, not because of any issues at our school or within our Trust. I am getting in touch to give you notice that learning will be disrupted on these days. A large proportion of teaching staff at The Heys School are members of the NEU and are therefore exercising their right to strike. In some schools, the staff are members of a different teaching union which has not voted for strike action. As such, the situation varies from school to school and comparisons cannot be drawn.

The Heys School will be closed to students on **Wednesday 1st February**. Work will be set online for **all** year groups. A message will be sent closer to the time with details of this. We will focus on setting work in English, Maths and Science. Staff who are not striking will attend school that day but the low numbers that will be in attendance mean that we cannot safely open school to students.

I am sorry about the disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community, parents, carers, and staff continue to treat each other with respect.

Information about the other three strike days will follow in due course.

Thank you for your continued support during this national strike action.

Yours faithfully,

Mr P McKendrick

Acting Headteacher

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