

## INDUSTRIAL ACTION - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following on from my previous communications this week, I would like to inform you that the following classes will be closed next **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**, due to industrial action:

Reception      Year 1              Year 2              Year 4              Year 5              Year 6

Children in these classes should not come to school on this day, as we do not have sufficient staff to maintain their health, safety, and welfare. This will not affect your child's attendance record.

Please encourage your child to read and access Oak Academy, Sumdog, and BBC Bitesize to support their learning. We will also put a whole school non-curriculum activity onto Showbie, for the children to engage with.

Our Year 3 class will be open as normal for children to attend, and our safeguarding team will be contacting individual families to invite their child/children to attend. Please see the following excerpt from the NEU 'Message to Parents and Carers' as to why industrial action is taking place:

*Teachers do not want to strike but the Government has given them no choice. They are striking for education and hope that you will support them despite the inconvenience it may cause.*

*Teachers are taking strike action because they are concerned that lack of funding for schools and cuts to teachers pay, are causing a crisis in education. The value of teacher and support staff pay has fallen by 20% since 2010. This has caused a crisis in recruitment and retention. More teachers and school leaders than ever are leaving their jobs and the Government cannot recruit enough teachers to replace them. Funding for schools has not kept in line with rising costs. Schools are spending less on important equipment and resources.*

*The NEU are calling on the Government to increase pay for teachers and support staff and also increase funding for schools.*

We will keep you informed regarding future dates when we know more from the NEU. I want to thank you for your continued support of our teachers, wider staff and school.

Kind regards,



Principal

