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27th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

National Education Union (NEU) Industrial Action

Wednesday 1st February 2023

I write further to my letter of 23rd January.

As you will be aware the teaching unions recently balloted members on whether they would be prepared to take industrial action. The NEU has a mandate from its members to undertake strike action on four days in England; Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.

Teachers taking action are striking against the national education policy and resourcing in schools and not against the children they work with and the school they work in.

The content of this letter relates to just **Wednesday 1st February**. I do not yet know about disruption on the other dates however it is reasonable for parent/carers to plan for potential class closures on these dates.

Teachers at St Margaret's at Cliffe CP School who are members of the NEU have advised me whether or not they intend to take part in the industrial action on Wednesday 1st February. Because they have told me their intentions – they are not duty bound to do so – I am able to advise you which of our classes will be **closed** on Wednesday 1st February.

Reception Class	Closed
Class 1	Closed
Class 2	Open
Class 3	Open
Class 4	Open
Class 5	Open
Class 6	Open

If your child's class is closed, do not bring them to school on Wednesday 1st February.

If your child is in one of the closed classes and is entitled to means tested Free School Meals I will write to you at the beginning of next week about lunch for that day.



You will be aware of the topics which your child's class is currently working on from our school website and class newsletters. <https://classroom.thenational.academy/> is a great resource to support with home learning, as is <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> . Reading and learning number facts are also a great way to help with supporting learning.

Please note that the content of this letter is subject to change. Teachers may become members of the NEU or change their mind before 1st February – I will let you know as soon as I do of any changes.

Yours sincerely



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