



Monday 23rd January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Advance Notice of Strike Action by Teacher Unions

You may be aware from media coverage that the teacher union, the NEU has declared strike action. The NEU members will take part in strike action on:

- Wednesday 01 February 2023
- Thursday 02 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

The strikes are happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions, and not because of any issues at our school.

I am getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on the above dates. We are following the DfE guidance on managing a school during strike action and considering several options, including moving some lessons online and closing the school.

We recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for these dates.

I acknowledge that there will be potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I also understand that this situation may be frustrating for parents and carers and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect during these turbulent times. Rooks Heath School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representative/s to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.

Please look out for another letter to you early next week which will also be published on our website. If you have any questions, please contact us at contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk or call your child's Head of Year. Alternatively call us at the number above.

I would like to thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Manderson
Headteacher

