

30 January 2023

Our Ref: HP8756

Dear Parents/Guardians

STRIKE ACTION – WEDNESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2023

Following on from the letter shared with you last week regarding Industrial Strike Action being undertaken by the National Education Union, I would like to confirm that:

- We aim to keep School **open** to children on Wednesday 1st February. **Your child should come to school as normal.**

In the unfortunate event that, due to lack of staff, we have to close certain classes, we will send out a text and Weduc message to parents **by 9.30 am. Please keep checking your phone for updates.**

- If you receive a message to inform you that your child is to be sent home, due to staffing shortages, you will need to collect your child from school straight away.
- If your child is entitled to free school meals and they are sent home we will provide them with a packed lunch (there will be a choice of jam or cheese sandwiches).
- Children's attendance records will not be affected as the absence is due to industrial action.

Please ensure you have made arrangements for care of your child on Wednesday, in the event that their class has to be sent home.

If you are unable to arrange alternative childcare for Wednesday 1st February **please let your child's class teacher know by tomorrow, Tuesday 31st January**, and we will aim to look after your child in school between 8.45am and 3.15pm; **we will only be able to do this in exceptional circumstances and if you have informed us of this by tomorrow, Tuesday 31st January.**

Please be aware that there will be NO hot meals served in school on Wednesday, sandwiches will be provided for all those that order a school lunch on this day.

There are three further dates of planned action; 1st March, 15th March, 16th March. We will let you know closer to those dates whether Hardwick will be affected by these strikes.

We are very sorry for the inconvenience this may cause you.

Yours sincerely



Mrs R Sandhu
Head of School

