



Ref: Arrangements for 1 March regarding national industrial strike action

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing with an update to the plans for teacher industrial action on Wednesday, 1st March 2023.

As you are aware, the National Education Union has chosen to stage industrial action on selected days over the coming weeks. This series of strikes started with industrial action on 1 February 2023. The strike tomorrow will go ahead because of the national dispute between the unions and the government about a number of issues, including conditions and pay, has not been resolved.

Like before, we have been working closely with colleagues to ascertain what this means for our school and what level of education we will be able to offer on the day.

Although we are able to accommodate all pupils in school on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, due to the number of staff who are unavailable during the industrial action, we will not be able to run the school day as normal. I want to reassure you that within our plans, there is no compromise to pupil safety.

In most cases, pupils will see no change to their normal day. In some classes, the intended curriculum will not take place and pupils will not have their full range of formal lessons for the day. We will be able to accommodate these classes with familiar adults working within them; however, their day will not run as usual.

Please note that, although we are open to all pupils tomorrow, this **will not be the case** on Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March 2023. Unless the industrial action is paused or resolved, the school will close to pupils in FS2 (reception) and KS1 (Year 1 and 2) on Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March 2023.

We will contact you with further details, including if other classes are affected, by Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March; however, we ask that parents of pupils in FS2 (reception) and KS1 (Year 1 and 2) begin making alternative plans for childcare on Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March 2023 **now**.

If you have any questions or concerns about the industrial action and how it might affect your child, please contact me directly using [enquiries@dsa.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@dsa.srscmat.co.uk) and I'll do what I can to help.

With best wishes,

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