



Ref: Arrangements for 15th and 16th March regarding national industrial strike action

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing with an update to the plans for Teacher Industrial Action on Wednesday, 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023.

As you are aware, the National Education Union are staging industrial action on selected days over the coming weeks. This series of strikes started with industrial action on 1st February 2023 and there was another strike on 1st March 2023. The strikes are continuing because the national dispute between the unions and the government about a number of issues, including conditions, resourcing for schools and pay, has not been resolved. For further information on why the NEU balloted members, why members have chosen to strike and how you can show support for schools, read the leaflet below or [click here](#).

We always work 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 have been able to accommodate all pupils in school on the two strike days so far, due to changing circumstances within the school, including levels of staffing available for the next two days of industrial action, this will not be the case and we will not be able to operate safely on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023 with all pupils in school.

Unless the industrial action is resolved or paused, **the school will close to pupils in FS2 (reception) and KSI (Year 1 and 2) on Wednesday, 15th March and Thursday, 16th March 2023.**

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

If you have any questions or concerns about the industrial action and how it might affect your child, please contact us directly using enquiries@dsa.srscmat.co.uk and we'll do what we can to answer your questions.

With best wishes,

Mr T Brogan

Headteacher