

Thursday, 26 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared seven days of strike over the next two months. The days which will affect our school are as follows:

- **Wednesday 1 February 2023:** all eligible members in England and Wales.
- **Thursday 2 March 2023:** all eligible members in the following English regions: London, South East, South West.
- **Wednesday 15 March 2023:** all eligible members in England and Wales
- **Thursday 16 March 2023:** all eligible members in England and Wales.

As the Headteacher of the school, I have to determine the number of striking staff members on each of these days to ensure that the effective and safe provision of education continues to be achieved. I will consider each day in advance.

I am writing to inform you that in relation to Wednesday 1st February.

I'm sorry to inform you that St John the Baptist CE Primary School **will be closed with the exception of the Nursery.**

We are asking you **not to send your Reception to year 6 child into school on this day.** We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and feel that we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available. Please make alternative childcare arrangements for Wednesday 1st of February.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives and Hackney Education to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

I will, of course, contact parents and carers to remind you of the strike action and school closure via text and email, and will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible about arrangements for future days of strike action.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office on 02077394902 or office@st-john.hackney.sch.uk

Kind regards,



Toni Mason
Headteacher