



# Trinity Church of England/Methodist Primary School

— BUCKSHAW VILLAGE —

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Strike action by members of the National Education Union**

I am writing to you about forthcoming strike action by the National Education Union (NEU), one of the main teaching trade unions. You may have seen coverage of this in the news and I wanted to inform you about the impact this is likely to have at our school. There are two more national strikes planned on

- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

The NEU has posted a document for parents, carers and grandparents that explains their reasons for taking strike action. It can be found at <https://neu.org.uk/media/24511/view> if you wish to read it.

I have been in discussions this week with our school's union representatives to look at the impact on our school. Due to the large number of staff intending to strike on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**, I have conducted a Risk Assessment, consulted the Governing Body and agreed to close following classes on the grounds of health and safety and safeguarding.

**CLASSES CLOSED – RS, RB,RH, 1M, 2W, 4J and 6C**  
**Children in all other classes should attend school as normal.**

Parents of children entitled to Free School Meals in affected classes will be informed of provision for their meal.

School's Out will be available for children attending school.

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. A national strike by teachers is *very* unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the days that they are on strike.

Yours sincerely,

Jill R Wright  
Headteacher