

Thursday 19th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are probably aware, following a ballot of its members, the National Education Union has announced a series of strikes which will affect schools within the Wensum Trust on:

- Wednesday 1 February
- Wednesday 1 March
- Wednesday 15 March
- Thursday 16 March

The Department for Education has set out its expectations to schools when handling strike action and therefore we expect our schools to take all reasonable steps to remain open. However, schools may not be able to deliver normal provision and some of the options we are considering are:

- Merging classes
- Having activity-based days
- Utilising staff from our other schools where feasible
- Restricting attendance to vulnerable children and/or children of critical workers
- Closing the school

Please be reassured that our head teachers/principals will only consider restricting attendance, or closing your child's school, if they are unable to provide safe staffing levels.

We understand the challenges strike action may cause for some of you and we are working with Senior Leadership Teams across all of our schools to understand how they will be affected and to minimise the impact.

Your child's school will be in contact as soon as arrangements for the strike days have been finalised.

Yours sincerely,



Daniel Thrower
CEO