



Dear parents/ carers

As I mentioned in the newsletter last week, I'm sure you are aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action, which will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 unless a settlement with the government is agreed before those dates. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over underfunding in education and the impact of that on children, as well as pay and conditions.

Whilst only one of the main teaching unions is striking, advice from other unions to their members is not to cover the classes of a teacher from the NEU who is striking.

As a result of this, the following classes in school will be closed on the dates above unless there is an agreement by the NEU to cancel their strike. This is based on the members of staff striking and our risk assessments so this does not mean that all closed classes are taught by striking teachers.

RRK            RLB  
2KE            2RH  
3CD  
6CG

All other classes are open as usual.

I am sorry about the disruption to you and to your child's 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. As a school, we remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching. We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation and I will inform you of any changes to these arrangements as soon as I can if need be.

Any activities planned for the days where there is strike action or there requires a change to usual activities on strike days, this will be communicated as soon as possible. This includes potentially setting a new date for parents evenings which are currently planned for March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

It is very possible that the other main teaching unions will re-ballot their members over strike action and there may be other strike dates in the future. Whilst there was



overwhelming support for strike action in the other teaching unions, they did not reach legal thresholds to call a strike.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office on [office@towerview.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@towerview.staffs.sch.uk) or 01283 247455.

Best wishes

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