

MS/CMF

26 January 2023

Dear parents and carers

I write to you regarding the upcoming strikes by the NEU Teaching Union. The first strike will take place on Wednesday 1st February and will affect all schools in England and Wales.

The NEU has said it will hold strikes on:

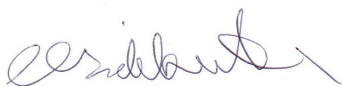
- Wednesday, 1st February
- Tuesday, 28th February
- Wednesday, 15th March
- Thursday, 16th March

The reason for the strike action is a lack of funding in education resulting in teacher shortages and teachers leaving the profession for employment that offers far better pay and conditions. We want to be able to offer each and every child the best possible education and under current conditions this is challenging for all schools.

A significantly high number of our teaching staff are in the NEU at Smithills and I must assume that all will take strike action. It is for this reason that education on 1st February will take place **on TEAMS at home**. Instructions on how to access the work will be provided. Please get in touch with us if you are experience any difficulties with TEAMS.

We can offer provision for vulnerable pupils. If you feel that you qualify for a place you must contact school before 3pm on Monday 30th.

Thank you in advance



M Sidebottom
Principal