

25th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As I mentioned last week, the National Education Union (NEU) has declared a series of national and regional strikes following their ballot of members regarding the terms and conditions of service for teachers and support staff and the funding of any pay awards. The first of these national strikes is due to take place on Wednesday 1st February 2023

It appears unlikely that a solution to the dispute will be found before this first strike day, so I am now writing to confirm the likely impact on Highgate Wood School. As I requested in my last letter, I now ask that you look for alternative childcare arrangements for 1st February as we will have to close the school for all year groups for that day.

It is important that we respond to the needs of our students whilst we also respect the rights of our staff. We will make provision for vulnerable students to be able to attend school and be supervised here. Families of students eligible for Free School Meals will be receiving a voucher. Teachers who are not striking have been asked to set work on Satchel One and all students should log in to Satchel One to see if they have tasks to complete.

If you have any questions or concerns about the arrangements outlined above, please contact the school at admin@hws.haringey.sch.uk.

The NEU has indicated that they will continue strike action for a further three days after this first strike on the **2nd March and the 15th to 16th March**. Please make a note of these dates now and I will write to you in advance of each date to confirm any changes to arrangements and whether the strike is going ahead.

If you wish to read the rationale of the NEU for the strike action please visit their [website](#).

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,


Patrick Cozier
Headteacher

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