



26th January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

### **National Education Union (NEU) STRIKE ACTION – February and March 2023**

You will probably be aware from the news that the National Education Union (NEU) have balloted their members and confirmed strike action on selected dates in February and March 2023. This is a national dispute and is therefore not confined to this school or Local Authority alone. The industrial action may result in classes or whole schools closing across the country.

The dates for the industrial action are:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales
- Tuesday 14 February 2023: all eligible members in Wales
- Tuesday 28 February 2023: all eligible members in the following English regions: Northern, Northwest, Yorkshire & The Humber
- Wednesday 1 March 2023: all eligible members in the following English regions: East Midlands, West Midlands, Eastern
- Thursday 2 March 2023: all eligible members in the following English regions: London, Southeast, Southwest
- Wednesday 15 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales
- Thursday 16 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales

At Woodthorne, this will mean that we cannot provide a statutory provision on the relevant above dates in all areas of the school.

The decision to close the school to all or some groups of children is never taken lightly. However, where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, we have to consider very carefully if we are able to make suitable arrangements to ensure the health, safety and well-being of children throughout the day.

In the event that the industrial action goes ahead, some areas of our provision **will be** affected. This will be in **Nurse, 1P and 4W**, where we will have to close these classes. I would therefore advise you to make contingency plans for your child's care arrangements on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023, 15<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> March if your child attends in one of those classes.

Please be aware, union guidance states that staff do not need to inform me of their

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intention to strike and therefore it is good practice that I should not ask. Due to the positive relations we have here at Woodthorne, I have asked and our teachers have taken the decision to let me know so that parents have some time to make alternative arrangements.

I know that this will be disruptive for you and your children, and I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but would like to thank you for your co- operation during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Hinkley  
Headteacher