



## Priory Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Arrangement for strike action – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

As you are aware, the National Education Union (NEU) will be holding industrial action on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Further action in this region is planned for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. This action is in response to an ongoing national dispute with the government regarding pay and school funding. You can find further information about the industrial action and NEU's motivation on their [website](#).

Members of teaching staff are not required in law to tell us in advance whether they intend to take strike action, which makes it more difficult to gauge the impact this will have on our schools. However, the NEU is by far the largest teaching union at Priory Junior School, accounting for the vast majority of teaching staff. Therefore, we are expecting the action to have considerable impact on our school. This means we have had to give careful consideration to what is able to be offered on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**, in the first instance. Safeguarding is a key consideration in any decision to close or partially close, under these circumstances.

Given our legal duty to ensure adequate health and safety and supervision on site, we can now confirm that the following **arrangements will apply for Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February**:

**Children in AG6, LF5 and EW3** will be able to attend school on this day.

Priory Junior School will not be open **for all other classes**. We have identified children who we may be able to offer a place to on this day – who might otherwise be at home, and will contact families directly regarding this. Your child may be offered a place if they are classified as vulnerable or if they are the child of an NHS worker who has no alternative cover on this date. Thank-you to all who have completed our survey regarding this.

We will provide learning activities for the children to do while at home, on SeeSaw. If you need any help with accessing this, please contact the school office. These will not be marked by teachers who are striking, but feedback will be provided by other members of staff



Thank you for your understanding as we navigate this. I am sorry for the disruption and concern that this may cause. Please be assured that we have considered every alternative to closure and have tried to maximise the number of students we can safely accommodate in the school.

If you do have any concerns, then please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Keefe  
Headteacher

