



Thursday 26th January 2023

Strike Action by Teachers

Dear Families,

You may be aware from the media, that the National Education Union (NEU), has declared strike action, of which the first day is set for Wednesday 1st February. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm sorry to inform you that West Earlham Infant School will be **closed on Wednesday 1st February** to children in **Reception, Year 1 and 2**. This does not affect the **Nursery**, which will be **fully open** that day.

With the governors support, I have not taken this decision lightly. I remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our children to learn, but I feel that I would be unable to provide this, with the staff we have available on that day, in main school.

If you would like to **collect** from school, a **packed lunch** for your child on Wednesday 1st February, please let the **school office** know by the **end of the school day on Friday**

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, but I ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

The other dates for strike action are set in March, but we will inform you of what action we may need to take, after half term.

I am working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Mrs Mardell

Head Teacher

