



Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our communication sent on the 19th January, you are probably aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has announced the results from their ballot and that the teachers who are members will be commencing strike action on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st February
- Wednesday 1st March
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

The first date of strike action will take place on Wednesday 1st February.

A number of our teachers at Two Mile Ash are members of the NEU. Whether our staff choose to exercise their right to strike is a personal matter. Staff do not need to inform the school of their intention to strike until the actual day of the strike. This means we have to risk assess the potential disruption and make any necessary arrangements we can. We will continue to inform you of any updates as we receive them but please be aware final updates, may be up to, and on the morning of, the planned strike days themselves.

The staff at Two Mile Ash school work extremely hard to ensure your children receive the very best education, support and care and they do not wish to disrupt this. The action they decide to take is not one that is taken lightly and we fully respect the right of our staff to express their views through the ballot to take strike action or not.

At this point I am able to inform you that **the school will be closed to the following classes on Wednesday 1st February with the exception to any children who have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) or is classed as a vulnerable pupil.**

Class Closures on Wednesday 1st February

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3PM		5SS	6MS
		5KW	

If your child has an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) or is classed as a vulnerable pupil, we will be in contact with you separately, early next week, to confirm we are still able to make provision for your child on the first strike day.

Please be aware that Harmonize will not take place after school on Wednesday 1st February. Any children who normally attend Harmonize will need to be collected at the end of the normal school day (3.15pm for Years 4, 5 and 6 or 3.30pm for Year 3).

Schools are not required to make provision for the teaching of the planned curriculum during strike days, however we would like to support our families by providing home learning for the strike day which we will provide further details of next week for classes that will not be in school.

My sincere apologies for the difficulties we know that these arrangements may cause some of our families. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation at this time.

Kind regards,

Lucy Eldridge

Head of Two Mile Ash School