

Monday 27th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our previous communication earlier in the term, you will be 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 March
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

The next date of strike action will take place on Wednesday 1st March 2023.

Several 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 must 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 can inform you that **the school will be closed to the following classes on Wednesday 1st March 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 March 2023

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3PM		5KW	6MS
3VS		5SS	6TR
3LJ			

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, to confirm we are still able to make provision for your child on Wednesday 1st March.

Please be aware that Harmonize will not take place after school on Wednesday 1st March. 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 in additional communication 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