



Pilgrims' Way Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you may be aware, the NEU (National Education Union) have decided to continue with their national strike action. The next strike date has been set for this Thursday 2 March 2023.

The strike is happening because of the ongoing national dispute between the unions and the government over years of below inflation pay awards and the fact that school funding is being seriously and significantly affected by the policy of the current government.

Several members of our school community have made the decision to strike, and this time industrial action will affect the operation of some of our classes. As a school and a Trust, we support our colleagues' right to make this decision and, as a result, the following classes will be **closed** on Thursday 2 March this week:

Reception Hare class

Year 1 Ladybird class

Year 4 Eagle class

Year 5 Jaguar class

All other classes will remain fully open and children should attend school as normal.

For children in the classes affected by the closure, remote learning can be found via the Oak National Academy website.

We acknowledge the disruption that this will cause those parents of children in the affected classes, but this disruption is the inevitable and intended result of strike action of course - a decision that no teacher will have taken lightly and will lose a day's pay as a result. Let us hope the dispute can be resolved as soon as possible. They are keen to see a fully funded fair pay settlement for both teachers and support staff which does not further impinge on already stretched school budgets, so that the impact on schools and children is reduced.

The NEU has indicated that they will continue strike action for a further two days after this strike. Further strike dates have been arranged on Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March. I will write to you in advance of each date to confirm any changes to arrangements and whether the strike is going ahead and will affect your child's class.

On behalf of the staff team at Pilgrims' Way Primary School, I thank you for your understanding with regards to this matter.

Yours faithfully

Miss AM Middleton
Headteacher