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Learning, Integrity, Dignity, Love, Confidence.

Learning together, as we journey with God in **Love**, we act with **Integrity**, treat others with **Dignity** and grow in **Confidence**.

25th January 2023

Dear Families,

You will be aware from media coverage that some teaching unions have declared strike action, which will take place on **Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd of March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023.**

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the teaching unions and the government and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for Wednesday 1st of February 2023.

Teachers who are striking have not taken this decision lightly. They are also are not obliged to let me know if they intend to strike, but all of our teachers have let me know. There are several staff who plan to strike, across the whole school (even though closures are in Year 3 only).

I am obliged to seek to take all reasonable steps to keep the school open for as many pupils as possible if safe to do so. With the knowledge that I have, and for a variety of reasons, the following will be happening on the 1st of February. (This may change in March).

- School will be closed for all of the Year 3 classes.
- Years 4-6 will be able to attend school.
- Catering arrangements will be as normal
- Wrap-around care, breakfast clubs, and after-school activities will be as normal

Whilst staff who are striking are not obliged to provide work, our Year 3 children may continue to work on their doodle maths, online reading and spell zones, as they are all individualised on their Chromebooks.

I too have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and feel that we would be unable to provide safe supervision with the staff we have available if we keep the entire school open.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements if your child is impacted in this national action. I ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

Thank you for your understanding. If the situation changes, I will let you know as soon as possible. Those who are striking hope that all the issues are resolved.

If you have any questions, please email the school office, or speak with me in the playground or at the gate.

Sincerely,

Mrs Gruffydd

Headteacher



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