

# Gwladys Street Community Primary & Nursery School

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Dear parents/carers,

## RE: National NEU Strike Action and Parents Evening

You may be aware from the news that the National Education Union is planning to take strike action on the following days:

**Tuesday 28th February  
Wednesday 15th March  
and Thursday 16th March.**

Having assessed the impact of strike action across school, I am writing to inform you that **Gwladys Street School will be partially open on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. As you will be aware, school had planned to hold parents and carers meetings next week including on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February however, due to Strike Action, **Parents Evenings will now be scheduled for week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> March unless your child is in class Morocco**. Information regarding booking a time slot for class Morocco for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> will be sent out shortly followed by the rest of the school. Please see the table below with regard to whether your child is able to report to school, as normal.

| Year group | Class        | Status                                     |
|------------|--------------|--|
| Nursery    | Caterpillars | Open – please bring your child to school   |
| Y1         | France       | Open – please bring your child to school   |
| Y3         | Morocco      | Open – please bring your child to school   |
| Y3         | Kenya        | Open – please bring your child to school   |
| Y5         | Russia       | Open – please bring your child to school   |
| Y5         | India        | Open – please bring your child to school   |
| Y6         | China        | Open – please bring your child to school   |
| Y6         | Japan        | Open – please bring your child to school   |
| Reception  | Ladybirds    | Closed – do not bring your child to school |
| Reception  | Butterflies  | Closed – do not bring your child to school |
| Y1         | Germany      | Closed – do not bring your child to school |
| Y2         | Australia    | Closed – do not bring your child to school |
| Y2         | New Zealand  | Closed – do not bring your child to school |
| Y4         | Chile        | Closed – do not bring your child to school |
| Y4         | Costa Rica   | Closed – do not bring your child to school |



Vulnerable pupils and pupils with an EHCP in classes that are closed are welcome to undertake work in school, with support. Parents/carers who wish to secure a place for their child should by Friday 24th February, emailing [admin.office@gwladysstreet.com](mailto:admin.office@gwladysstreet.com).

**Vulnerable children and young people (according to the Department for Education) include those who:**

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance. This might include:
  - children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services or in the process of being referred to children's services or who have previously received support from children's social care services (as identified by local authorities) adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
- those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
- those living in temporary accommodation
- those who are young carers
- those who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study) care leavers
- children and young people in a family circumstance presenting challenges for them, such as drug and alcohol misuse, parental offending, adult mental health issues and domestic abuse

**Who will / will not strike**

Teachers who are members of the NEU union are able to strike. They are under no obligation to inform the school of their intention to do so beforehand. We have had to plan on the assumption that all teachers who are NEU members may strike.

The school cannot compel striking workers to set work for pupils to complete on a strike day.

All other staff (not on strike) will be in work as normal. Support staff will undertake their normal duties.

The school takes no sides in this dispute; the industrial action reflects a dispute between teachers in state-funded schools and the Department for Education. The school respects the legal right of teachers who are members of the NEU to strike, or not to strike, and respects the consciences of all involved.



We understand that the situation is very frustrating and we will continue to do all we can to minimise the disruption for the children. Prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> March (the next day planned for strike action), we will reassess staffing levels and update you with regard to whether there are any changes to the closure of classrooms as listed in the table above.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Yours sincerely,

Ms N Booth  
(Head teacher)

