

26 January 2023

Dear Families,

Industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU)

As some of you may be aware, one of the teaching unions, the National Education Union (NEU), is planning strike action over the next couple of months. This is a national strike regarding a dispute between unions and the government over teachers' pay.

The NEU has given notice to us that strikes will impact Dixons Trinity Chapeltown on 1 February, 28 February, 15 March and 16 March.

While we believe discussions are ongoing between unions and the government which could see some strikes cancelled, we must make plans for next week, **Wednesday 1 February** on the assumption that action will be taken on that date. Having considered the number of teachers at school who are members of the NEU, I have made the difficult decision to partially close the school on this date.

School will remain open for Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 11, and those children who require enhanced support (we will confirm directly with those families whose children will be able to attend school).

We have decided to restrict access in this way to ensure that we can provide an appropriate level of supervision and ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of those in school.

For those children not in school, home learning will be set for the duration of the day. The details of this work will be communicated in another letter.

If your family qualify for Free School Meals and your child's year group is not in school and you would like to collect a packed lunch for them on Wednesday 1 February, please complete this [form](#) by 1400 on Friday 27 January. Lunches will be available to collect from 10am on the day.

If there are changes to our plan for responding to the proposed industrial action, I will advise you as soon as possible. I will also write to you ahead of the proposed action on 28 February and 15/16 March to confirm the arrangements for those days.

We wanted to communicate as soon as possible so you can plan accordingly. Thank you, as always, for your patience and understanding.

Yours faithfully,



Natalie Brookshaw
All-Through Principal

