

RE: Strike action by the National Education Union (NEU) – arrangements for Tuesday 2nd May.

Dear Parents \Carers,

As previously communicated in my letter, another national strike action is planned by the NEU, the largest teachers' union, for Tuesday 2nd May. I am writing to confirm the arrangements for this day and what it will mean for your child.

Due to potential teaching staff numbers, the school will also be closed on Tuesday 2nd May. The Department for Education (DfE) is again expecting all schools to put plans in place to provide education for as many children as possible when a strike takes place. All schools are in the same situation.

Plan for Tuesday 2nd May – Children who must come into school.

As we previously explained, the level of staffing that we will have in the school determines what teaching we can provide on the day, whether the school can open and how many pupils we can teach. There are also clear legal requirements covering the health and safety of the children.

Taking into account the likely staff numbers that we will have in the school; we have put the following plan in place:

The school will only be open as a 'hub' for:

- Vulnerable children (the school will contact these parents individually).
- Children with an EHCP.
- The children from families who are classified as 'critical workers' in the following jobs: Police, doctors, nurses, paramedics, and teachers who are working. (On the day of the strike you will need to show your work ID to prove you are a critical worker). You do not need to tell us in advance that you will need a school hub place.

School HUB:

- All children will need to come into school in their PE kits.
- Normal times for the school day will apply.
- Children will come into school through Pitfield Way Gate; the office area and into the Hall.
- Hub children will be given a hot meal at lunchtime or should bring in their packed lunch as usual.
- Please note that we will, unfortunately, not be able to provide Breakfast Club or any After School Care and clubs on Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

Plan for Tuesday- Children who will need to stay at home.

Unfortunately, due to the numbers of staff taking strike action, most children will not be able to attend school. The NEU has also advised its union members not to prepare work in advance for the children to do at home online. This means that we have put the following plan in place for your child:

Learning:

- Teachers who are not striking will upload work to DB Primary. We strongly encourage you to see that your child completes their work. As we will not know for sure which teachers are in, to set the online learning work, we will need to ask you and your child to log on to check this on Thursday morning.
- Where online learning has not been uploaded, children can go to the free online learning resource, Oak National Academy. A link will take them to the subjects' page, and they can then select learning appropriate to their year group. The link to use is [here](https://www.oak-academy.com/).
- We would also encourage your child to do some reading and to practise their times tables and spellings. The children can also read about King Charles III coronation [here](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/64363584):
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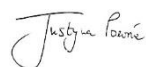
Free school meal families:

For those families who receive free school meals, we will provide a packed lunch, if you choose to collect it. This will be available from the school office on Tuesday 2nd May between 11:30 and 12:30.

We are sorry for the disruption that will inevitably take place on Tuesday. I know that everyone hopes the dispute will be resolved as soon as possible.

If you have any questions in regard to this, please contact the school office for further guidance.

Kind Regards,



Headteacher