



# BENTON PARK SCHOOL

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24<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may have seen in the news last week, the National Education Union (NEU) has voted to take strike action in schools over a number of days in February and March in relation to ongoing national disputes relating to pay.

Only qualified teachers who are members of the NEU or who are not part of a trade union may take part in the industrial strike action. This does mean, however, that some colleagues in our school will not be in school as a consequence of the proposed industrial action. The dates where strike action is currently planned to take place are Wednesday, 1 February 2023, Tuesday, 28 February 2023, Wednesday, 15 March 2023 and Thursday, 16 March 2023.

The Department for Education has updated its 'Handling Strike Action in Schools' guidance where it has set out that Headteachers and governing bodies are to take all reasonable steps to keep schools open for as many students as possible. As I am sure you will appreciate, this is very much dependent on the number of colleagues who will be taking part in strike action on the dates provided above. Please be assured that we will be seeking to stay open for as many students as we can whilst ensuring all safety requirements are met.

Over the coming week, we will be carefully assessing the likely impact of the strike action in order to maintain appropriate staffing levels in school, and we will write to you again shortly to provide you with more information of our plans for our provision on Wednesday, 1 February 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

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