



Issue 4/Strike

# Head's Update

Keeping you informed: Miss Kaur—Headteacher

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear parents/carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU teaching union has declared industrial strike action, which will take place on the following days:

1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

15<sup>th</sup> March 2023

16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on the above dates. Teachers **do not** have to inform me if they intend to strike until the morning of strike action, nor do they have to inform me which union they are in. I understand this is not helpful to you, but this is stipulated by their union.

Those teachers not in the NEU will of course be at school as usual.

**We recommend that you start to make childcare arrangements for these dates in case your child's class is closed.**

**As teachers do not have to report their absence until the morning of the strike, I am unable to inform parents any earlier if their child's teacher is in school. A ParentMail will be sent between 7am and 7.30am to those classes closing on the strike days.**

Children asked to stay at home will have access to their usual TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed tasks. Last week you were sent year group curriculum letters outlining additional learning opportunities linked to the new curriculum projects.

I am sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. South End Junior remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union links to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.

Kind regards,  
G Kaur

Head teacher