



Garlinge Primary School

26 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware from recent media coverage that the National Education Union have declared strike action, which will take place on:

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Thursday 2nd March 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay.

We have been informed today that some of our teachers intend to take strike action on Wednesday 1st February therefore the school will be partially open. This letter outlines our arrangements to ensure the safe and secure running of the school on this day.

Classes open on Wednesday 1st February

Classes RC, 1C, 1D, 3C, 3D, 4C, 4D, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 6A, 6B, 6C, and 6D WILL be able to attend school as usual.

Classes closed on Wednesday 1st February

Nursery and classes RA, RB, RD, 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3A, 3B, 4A and 4B WILL NOT be able to attend school as their class will be CLOSED to all children.

There will be Breakfast Club and Teatime Club available for those children who usually attend from classes that will be open on this day.

Any children in receipt of free school meals who are **NOT** able to attend school due to their class closure on Wednesday 1st February, will be sent an e-voucher on the morning of the strike day via email/text.

We appreciate that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect during this time. We apologise that it may be necessary for you to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. We realise the possible disruption this may have on your work commitments; however, we also understand why teachers have made the difficult decision to take industrial action. Garlinge Primary School and Nursery needs to ensure that we are providing a safe and secure environment for our children whilst on our school site.

We are working closely with our staff union representative to keep up to date with the situation, and we will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Williams
Executive Headteacher