



Westlands Primary School

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VTP/ELB/Strike Action

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU have declared strike action, which will take place on 1st February, 2nd March, 15th and 16th March. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay, funding and recruitment/retention and not because of any issues at our school.

We are getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on these dates. We are intending on staying open for as many pupils as possible and have contingency plans in place. Unfortunately, it is not possible to finalise plans until the day of the strike as we will only then get final confirmation of which staff are striking. In the unlikely event that we cannot staff classes safely we may have to close classes and move to remote learning but this will be as a last resort. However, we would recommend you consider possible childcare options for these dates as a contingency plan.

We are sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education and are working hard to manage the situation. We understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Westlands Primary remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils alongside delivering high-quality teaching and learning.

We will keep you updated and inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office: 01795 470862

Kind regards,

Victoria Pettett
Head of School

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Executive Headteacher