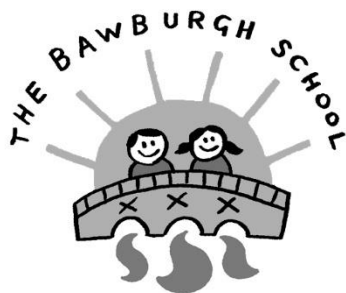


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Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure you are aware from media coverage that teaching unions have declared strike action, which will take place on 1st February, 1st March and the 15th & 16th March. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and how this is funded, and not because of any issues at our school.

I have been in consultation with the Governors and the Union Representatives with regards to the proposed industrial action over the last 10 days, there have been many factors to consider to inform decision making, and I thank you for your patience.

I am writing to inform you that unfortunately, we have made the decision to **close all classes on Wednesday 1st February**. I cannot guarantee the required staffing levels of the school and therefore cannot ensure we are able to safely operate for all pupils.

As per guidance from the Department of Education around school closures and following the completion of a robust risk assessment, and taking into consideration the number of teachers, support staff, Safeguarding Leads and First Aiders who will be in school that day, **I am afraid that we will not be able to open to any pupils.**

The school curriculum will not be taught on strike days and we will not be able to offer live teaching/remote learning; this decision has been taken so that no other member of staff is required to fully 'cover' the teaching element of the teachers' work.

There is no expectation that the children complete work on the strike day but here is a selection of things your children could do on the day if your situation allows them to:

- Continue with Numbots or Times tables Rockstars practise
- Practise spellings on Ed Shed
- Read their book, independently or share with an adult/sibling
- Phonics workbook (Flamingos)
- Play/Complete tasks on Purple Mash
- Look at BBC bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- Look at the Oak National Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/>
- Cosmic Yoga <https://cosmickids.com/>

They are not expected to submit their work but may want to share it on dojo or tapestry or bring it in.

If you are in receipt of free school meals a further email will follow asking you to complete a short form ordering a packed lunch for Wednesday. Please note, these will need to be collected from school office on Tuesday 31st January after school.

There will be no breakfast or after school clubs on Wednesday 1st February. Refunds will be issued by our office team.



If you have any further questions or queries regarding the school's actions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We will provide further updates as to the other proposed strike days as we move closer to them.

I appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Best wishes



Carla Stedman
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