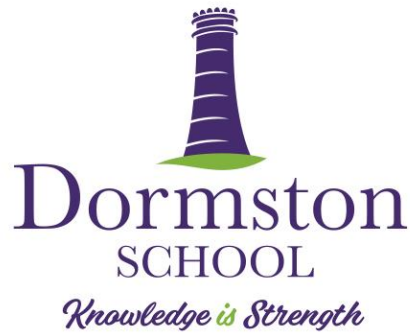


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January 2023

ALL PARENTS/CARERS



Dear Parent/Carer

Re - Proposed Strike Action - Wednesday 1st February 2023 - School Closure Notification

As you will probably be aware, members of the teachers' union the NEU have called a one-day national strike on Wednesday 1st February 2023. I am writing to inform that due to the significant number of teachers at Dormston in the NEU, school will be closed to students on this day.

As things stand, there are 3 additional strike days planned by the NEU on:

- Wednesday 1st March 2023;
- Wednesday 15th March 2023;
- Thursday 16th March 2023.

There are on-going negotiations between unions and the government and therefore arrangements in school for each planned strike day may differ. I will notify you of arrangements for these dates nearer the time.

Please note that staff not taking part in industrial action will be in school but are normally instructed by their own unions not to undertake duties normally carried out by their striking colleagues. Such duties would include, covering lessons, break and lunch duties.

As Headteacher, I never want to be in a situation to close the school but I have reluctantly taken the decision to do so on Health and Safety grounds.

We will be providing support for students with a social worker and/or an EHCP in school if required. Please inform info@dormston.dudley.sch.uk by 3.00pm on Monday 30th January 2023 if you require this support so that arrangements can be made. Please put 'Support 1st February 2023' in the subject of any email.

There will be work available for students where possible on GO4Schools but there will be no live lessons.

I am hopeful that informing you of the schools' closure will give you sufficient time to make any necessary childcare arrangements. Should the strike be called off, I will inform you immediately.

If your child normally receives a free school meal, a "grab bag" can be collected from Main Reception at 10.00am on Wednesday 1st February 2023. If you require this service please complete your request by emailing info@dormston.dudley.sch.uk by 3.00pm on Monday 30th January 2023. Please put 'Support 1st February 2023' in the subject of any email.

Yours sincerely

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