



Ysgol Bryngwyn School

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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Planned teaching union strike action

As you are aware, the National Education Union (NEU), have declared strike action, the second day of which will take place on **Thursday 2nd 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.

No agreement has been made, to date, between the parties concerned and, at this time, strike action is likely to take place on that day. Should circumstances change then we will contact parents and carers immediately.

All schools in Carmarthenshire have, in conjunction with advice and guidance issued by the Local Authority, undertaken a risk assessment regarding our capacity to open the school safely for pupils on the day of the strike. Having considered all the information and discussed the matter with the Chair of Governors, we have made the difficult decision that the school will be closed to all pupils on **Thursday 2nd March 2023**. We request that you do not send your child/children into school on this date as we cannot guarantee that we will have sufficient staff in school to deliver lessons and, most importantly, to be able to supervise and safeguard pupils effectively.

Once again, this is not a decision we have taken lightly, nor do we underestimate the further disruption that will be caused. We hope that by informing parents and carers in a timely manner it will help parents/carers to make arrangements around child care. Please note that the school will not be operating a 'care hub' type facility on that day. Teaching will not be provided online on that day.

We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and feel that safety would be compromised given the reduced number of staff we will have available on the strike day. However, we ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. We are working closely alongside the Local Authority to keep up-to-date with the situation, and will be in contact with parents of those in receipt of Free School Meals to offer support as previously.

We will keep you updated of the situation through our normal communication channels. Information can also be found on Carmarthenshire County Council's website at:

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/> and <https://schoolclosures.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/future-disruptions/>

The school will operate as normal from Friday 3rd March 2023. Please also be aware that further industrial action is planned for Wednesday March 15th and Thursday March 16th 2023. Further information will follow regarding school operations for these days.

Your on-going support, as always, is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Paul Jones
Headteacher

