



Our ref: RPJ/BMM

26th January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Planned teaching union strike action

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union, the NEU, have declared strike action, the first day of which will take place on Wednesday 1st February 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.

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. Following careful consideration, we have made the difficult decision to close the school to pupils **Wednesday 1st February 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.

We have not taken this decision lightly. 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.

We regret that our pupils will experience disruption to their education on this day and that you will be required to make alternative arrangements for your child/children. 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, including what arrangements can be made to provide lunch for those in receipt of Free School Meals on that day. Please note that the School will not be operating a 'care hub' type facility on that day, and neither will teaching be provided online on that day.

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/>

Our school will re-open to pupils on **Thursday 2nd February 2023**. There are further planned strike days for 14th February, 15th and 16th March 2023. Further information will follow regarding school operations for these days.

Your sincerely

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Headteacher

