

## MASON MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 25 January 2023

## Industrial Action 1st February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide an update to you in relation to the industrial action being taken by the NEU (National Education Union) on  $1^{st}$  February 2023.

As stated in my previous letter, unions are not required to provide us with specific information related to members who are striking. Whilst this makes it difficult for us to plan for the day, I am writing to confirm that the school will open to all pupils on 1<sup>st</sup> February.

During one of coldest periods of the year, I am determined that all children continue to receive a breakfast and lunch as they normally would in a warm and familiar environment. On the day, and when I know which of our teachers will be participating in strike action, leaders will consider carefully the curriculum offer for that day – though I must be clear that it may not be possible to provide the same level of learning that we usually would.

I would like to take this opportunity to put on record my full support for every member of my staff team who chooses to engage in industrial action. I too am an NEU member and believe that it is important that our teachers are able to fight for pay increases in line with inflation. On this point, I would like to remind parents and carers of the need to be considerate of our teacher's right to stand for what they believe in. Please show them the kindness and compassion we endeavour to instil in our pupils, should you see them picketing the school grounds on the day of the strike.

If you have any further questions – please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Constable-Phelps

**Executive Headteacher** 

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