



PRIESTLEY SMITH SPECIALIST SCHOOL

(For Blind and Partially Sighted Students)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU (National Education Union) have declared strike action, which will take place on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Wednesday 1 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on the dates listed. We're currently considering several options, and I will let you know as soon as possible what the arrangements will be.

In the interim, I would ask that you be mindful of the strike dates and I would recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for these dates.

I'm sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Priestley Smith School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

Kind regards

Joanna Garvey

Headteacher

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