

Barnet Special Education Trust



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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that following the results of a national ballot, teachers in the NEU (National Education Union) working in England's schools have voted in favour of strike action as part of their ongoing campaign for a fully-funded above inflation pay rise.

The proposed dates for strike action are:

- Wednesday 1st February
- Wednesday 2nd March
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

The strike action is not just about a pay rise but correcting historic real-terms pay cuts. Teachers have lost 23% in real-terms since 2010, and support staff 27% over the same period. The strike action is a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' 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 these dates. Due to the nature of industrial action, we may not know the whole impact of the any disruption until the morning of each strike day.

We are however, hoping that we will still be able to open the school but we may also have to consider closing some classes on health and safety grounds, and we may not be able to follow our timetabled curriculum.

We are working closely with our staff union representative to keep up to date with the situation, and taking advice from the Local Authority and the Department of Education.

I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.

I thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards,

Lynda Walker

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Headteacher