



# Oaklands School

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27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Re: Planned strike action at Oaklands School on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

I am writing to update you on the progress of our contingency planning during the forthcoming strike action in schools, and the decision to **partially close the school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

### **Background**

We have had confirmation from NEU that members of the union intend to take formal industrial action by participating in a strike which will take place on:

1 <sup>st</sup> February 2023:	All schools in England
28 <sup>th</sup> February 2023:	Schools in North and North-west England, Yorkshire and Humber
15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023:	Two-day strike in all schools in England

The strike action is in relation to a national dispute around teacher and school staff pay.

### **What will happen at the school during the strike?**

#### **First Strike Day – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

It is necessary that we will need to partially close on this day. This is required to ensure that I can meet the health and safety requirements of students and staff on site.

**The school will be open only for year 10, 11 and 12 students (the students who are studying qualifications this year), and for identified children/families in need of additional support.** We will also consider, where possible, providing provision at school for children whose parent/carers are critical workers (where alternative childcare is not available). Please contact the school office by 12.30pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January if you are a critical worker and wish for your child to attend school on this day.

**Therefore, I can confirm that your child is required to attend school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

## **Future Strike Days**

As I mentioned in my previous letter planning for the provision on strike days is difficult and can continuously change. Therefore, we will send further information for each additional strike day as appropriate.

I apologise for the disruption caused during the upcoming strike days. I hope you understand we have not taken any decisions lightly and had to take decisions to secure the health and safety of the students and non-striking staff.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Oxley', written in a cursive style.

Mr N Oxley  
Headteacher