



Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School, West Road, Watton, Norfolk, IP25 6AU

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Dear Parents and Carers,

National Education Union - Teachers Strike Action

The National Education Union (NEU) have nationally agreed strike action to take place. This is happening because of a national dispute between the NEU and the government. The strikes are regarding national issues of teachers' pay and school funding more generally. They are not due to issues specific to Watton.

The planned strike days are:

Wednesday 1st February

Wednesday 1st March (regional)

Wednesday 15th March

Thursday 16th March

As Headteacher, I have been asked to do what I can to keep the school open, whilst maintaining a safe environment for the children to be in. I have risk assessed the day and unfortunately will not have sufficient levels of staff to supervise all the children.

As a result, I will be **closing the school** to all except what the government term 'vulnerable pupils' and children of critical workers.

We will contact you if your child is one of our 'vulnerable pupils.' If you work for the NHS, Police, Prison Service, Education or Armed Forces, and need your child to come into school on the strike day so you can work, please contact us and let us know. We will then inform you if we have space for your child in school.

Health and Safety will be paramount, if we think we cannot keep the children safe due to high numbers of pupils and lack of staff, we will have to close completely.



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If your child receives Free School Meals (not Universal infant free school meals), a packed lunch will be provided for them. Please let us know the day before if you would like to collect this on Wednesday.

If the NEU and government reach an agreement, there is the potential for the strike days to be cancelled, however if they do not, the other planned dates may go ahead. I will tell you as soon as I can about those dates so that you can be prepared and make appropriate plans for your children.

I am sorry about the disruption to you and your child's education during this dispute.

Kind regards,

Helen Kemp

Executive Headteacher

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