

Leesons Primary School

Leesons Hill Orpington BR5 2GA





















Dear Parent/ Carer

POTENTIAL INDUSTRIAL ACTION

You will no doubt have heard in the news that teachers who are members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted in favour of strike action in connection with a national dispute with the Secretary of State for Education over teachers' pay. The days currently planned for strike action in our region are:

Wednesday 1 February 2023 Thursday 02 March 2023 Wednesday 15 March 2023 Thursday 16 March 2023

Unfortunately, the action may result in us not being able to open to some pupils (or all) on those days. We are currently working within our Trust to ascertain the likely impact on our schools on the above dates, and I will write to you again once I have further information.

I appreciate that this industrial action could cause significant disruption to the learning of our pupils, and that families will have to make alternative arrangements for childcare during these days should children not be able to attend school. I am sorry for the inconvenience this may cause, but this dispute is with the Secretary of State for Education and is very much out of the schools control.

We will, of course, do our best to open to as many pupils as possible on the days listed above, where it is safe to do so. I thought, however, it would be helpful to let you know as early as possible that it may not be possible to admit your child on those days, so that you have an opportunity to consider alternative arrangements should these be necessary.

I will write again closer to the time, once we know a little more about the likely impact on our school and the measures which can be taken to operate with regard to the health and safety of pupils. In the meantime, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

P. Collins

