



## Bicton C of E Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

### Update on Strike Action

As you are already aware, the National Education Union have announced several dates for potential strike action and the first of these dates is **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**.

Whilst we would like to let you know, if and how any strike action may impact your child's class, we are not able to do so at this stage. Some of our teaching staff have indicated that they are highly likely to strike but they have the right to decide up until the morning of 1<sup>st</sup> February.

If we have information to suggest that we cannot safely keep every class open, we will notify parents as soon as we are able. However, unfortunately, this may be on the morning of the strike, if strike action on that day means we cannot safely keep all children in school.

We will notify you by Class Dojo or Tapestry and ask that, if you are notified on the day of the strike, that you collect your child immediately or not bring your child into school if we notify you before the start of the school day.

The strikes are not just about teachers' pay but about the underfunding of schools and the strain this is putting on school budgets. Teachers will not take their decisions lightly in this regard.

I understand that this situation may be frustrating, but I do hope you will continue to support our school during this difficult time. Without appropriate funding, schools will not be able to continue to provide the quality of education each and every child deserves.

Kind regards,

Mrs Johnson

Head teacher