



Ruardean Church of England Primary School

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Possible Strike Disruption

Dear Parents/Carers

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU teaching union have declared strike action, which will take place on 1st February. There will be other dates 1st, 15th and 16th March but arrangements for these will be sent in due course. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government in pursuance of a fully-funded above inflation pay rise, and not because of any issues at our school.

We believe that there is unlikely to be major disruption in our school. However, Teachers do not have to tell schools whether they intend to strike or not up to 8:00 am of the day of the strike.

We have five teachers in our school who belong to the NEU and this means we have to inform you of the possibility of disruption on the dates above. Should we be notified by a teacher that they are striking, we may have to close the class or classes for the day at very short notice.

You will be informed of any closure via ParentPay email and through our school website. We might be in a position to offer 'childcare' for children whose parents are key workers or vulnerable children. You will be advised in the email if this is an option.

I am sorry that you may have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice and that they may experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

We are working closely with the unions to keep up to date with the situation and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change.

Yours sincerely

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