Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Strike Action Announced by NEU**

As you may be aware, the dates for strike action for teachers will take place on the following dates:

* Wednesday 1 February 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales.
* Thursday 2 March 2023: all eligible members in the following English regions: London, South East, South West.
* Wednesday 15 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales.
* Thursday 16 March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales.

There are certain rules and regulations that we must follow when strike action takes place that makes it very challenging to be able to plan and prepare appropriately to ensure that there will be appropriate provision to meet the pupils’ needs.

We have followed the advice and guidance issued by the Department for Education and carried out risk assessments to assess whether the school can safely operate as normal under strike circumstances.

As a result of this, I am writing to inform you that the **school will be closed** on **Wednesday 1st February 2023.**

We are taking this decision only for 1st February 2023, for the other strike days above, we will continue to assess and review the circumstances between now and March before making any decisions. This will be shared with you as soon as we are able.

Please note, we **will not** be providing online learning on this day, but if you are able to, you can support your children with the following activities:

* Enjoy a book or two with your child and add more miles to their Reading Passport!
* Write a 100 word blog about your favourite book
* Practise the times tables by logging into Times Tables Rockstars TTR [Times Tables Rock Stars: Play (ttrockstars.com)](https://play.ttrockstars.com/)
* Design a poster to share your favourite hobby with others
* [Free primary and secondary school teaching resources - BBC Teach](https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach)
* [Primary Homework Help | Online Games For Kids - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary)
* Choose an activity linked to this terms learning from the Spring 1 Parent Overviews – copies available on the school website here: [Year Group Planning Overviews - Willow Bank Primary School](https://www.willowbankprimaryschool.co.uk/our-curriculum/year-group-planning-overviews/)
* Practice phonics at home using the Little Wandle parent support videos: [For parents - Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)](https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/)
* Enjoy a PE lesson with Joe Wicks: [Joe Wicks' Daily PE Lesson - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0kdTyVEX-wKPwxH6Eil7i2F3lTkdqaud)
* Create interesting artwork at home [Families | Royal Academy of Arts](https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/families?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIsdz_n4Pm_AIV84BQBh0XLAxnEAAYAiAAEgJXSfD_BwE#art-activities-for-families) and [Arts and Crafts for Kids: Easy ideas from Parents' Toolkit - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znxmjsg?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=crafts)

For parents who qualify for Free School Meals based on your eligibility, we will be offering packed lunches which can be ordered by emailing the school office by 12:00 (midday) on Monday 30th January [WBPoffice@watschools.org.uk](mailto:WBPoffice@watschools.org.uk) or by completing and returning the slip below. Packed lunches must be collected from the school office reception between **12:00 and 1:30pm**.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation and understanding whilst we all work as a community together.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,  
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Mrs Oldfield

Headteacher

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**NEU Strike Action Day : Wednesday 1st February 2023**

My child is eligible for Free School Meals and would like to request a packed lunch for my child

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I understand I will need to collect the lunch between **12:00 and 1:30pm** on Wednesday 1st February

from the school office.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please return slip by midday on Monday 30th January, thank you.**