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## Henbury View First School

*Every Child Matters, Every Moment Counts*

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22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Notification of School closure- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

As you are aware from the recent media coverage, National Education Union (NEU) members have voted to take industrial action. The strike is not against the school itself but as part of nationwide industrial action organised by the union. It seems that discussions between the Union and Government have not led to a cancellation or a postponement of the proposed strike action on the Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Teachers are not required to inform the school of their decision regarding whether they will take action ahead of the day. However, I am grateful that our staff have chosen to speak to me in advance. The number of teaching staff that are taking industrial action on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March means that the school is unable to provide adequate supervision for pupils. **This means the school will be closed on this day.** As we will be celebrating World Book Week during next week, we have put together a pack of possible activities that your children could do at home if they wish that will be sent out via Parentmail early next week.

Attendance for this day will be recorded in line with DFE strike attendance guidance which states that pupils will be coded as absent but this will not count towards the pupils absence record, due to the school being closed.

We will contact Chartwells to inform them of the school closure and any meals already ordered for this day will be cancelled and credits will be made where appropriate.

We will arrange for refunds to be made for any breakfast club bookings already made for this day.

The dodgeball after-school club will be cancelled, and we will contact the provider to arrange refunds for this session.

**This is an everchanging situation and in the event of the Government and the National Education Union reaching a decision to suspend the intended strike action for next week we will contact you with this update as soon as possible.** I am aware that this decision may be problematic for some parents. I do hope that the advance notice that we have been able to provide will enable you to make suitable arrangements in the event of strike action for the care of your child.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sally Wall