

Dear Parents and Carers,

27th January 2023

Strike Action announced by National Education Union (NEU)

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

- 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 to children on **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 share their reading on Boom Reader
- Write a 100 word blog about your favourite book
- Practice times tables by logging into Times Tables Rockstars TTR [Times Tables Rock Stars: Play \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://www.ttrockstars.com)
- [Free primary and secondary school teaching resources - BBC Teach](#)
- [Primary Homework Help | Online Games For Kids - BBC Bitesize](#)
- [Teach Your Monster: Free Phonics, Reading and Mathematics Games](#)
- Review Spring 1 learning from the curriculum overviews – copies available on the school website here: [Year Group Planning Overviews - Northumberland Heath Primary School](#)
- Practice phonics at home using the Little Wandle parent support videos: [For parents - Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)
- Enjoy a PE lesson with Joe Wicks: [Joe Wicks' Daily PE Lesson - YouTube](#)
- Create interesting artwork at home [Families | Royal Academy of Arts](#) and [Arts and Crafts for Kids: Easy ideas from Parents' Toolkit - BBC Bitesize](#)

All of the above links will be available on your child's Showbie account.

For parents who qualify for Free School Meals based on your eligibility, we will be offering packed lunches which can be ordered by contacting the front office by 30th January, 2023. Packed lunches can then be collected from the front office.

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,

Northumberland Heath Primary School