

10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Continued Strike Action by NEU**

Further to strike action that took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, I am writing to update you that the next strike days on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 will currently continue to go ahead as planned whilst the Department for Education and Teaching Unions continue their discussions.

In partnership with our school staff and the wider Trust, we continue to review and assess if we can keep the school open during any strike action. In order to open the school, we have to be certain that we can appropriately safeguard the children and ensure there are enough staff to provide a safe learning environment.

We have followed the advice and guidance issued by the Department for Education and updated our risk assessments based on the last strike day to assess whether the school can safely operate as normal under strike circumstances.

I am writing to inform you that following these assessments, we have taken the decision to partially close the school.

The following classes will remain in school on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023:**

**Y6 – all classes**

**Y4 – all classes**

**Reception – all classes**

**Nursery**

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://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](#)

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 Monday 13th March, 2023. Packed lunches must be collected from our front office. For children in identified year groups attending school, lunch arrangements will continue as normal.

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 us via the school office ([NHPoffice@watschools.org.uk](mailto:NHPoffice@watschools.org.uk)).

Yours sincerely,

**Miss C Ingrams**