



Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

NEU Industrial Action – Thursday 2nd March

Further to my letter of 19th January 2023 regarding the forthcoming industrial action impacting schools, and the subsequent industrial action which took place on 1st February, I write to confirm the situation for next Thursday 2nd March 2023.

The action will result in Barrow Hedges being closed for nine of its classes next Thursday. The following classes will be **OPEN** and children are expected to attend as usual. Please note that two classes which weren't open on the previous day of strike action, are open next week:

Nursery

Reception – Fox
Reception – Badger
Reception – Hedgehog

Year 1 – Squirrel
Year 1 – Otter
Year 1 - Rabbit

Year 2 – Robin
Year 2 - Woodpecker

Year 4 – Lime

Year 6 – Sycamore
Year 6 – Chestnut
Year 6 – Willow

Our after school clubs, which are run by external providers on Thursdays, will go ahead as normal and all children, including those whose classes are closed due to the strike, will be able to attend. A separate communication will be sent to those parents whose children attend a Thursday club and this will include a form to complete – please do look out for this and respond as soon as possible so that we will make the necessary arrangements. **Hedgerows will run as usual for those children who are booked**



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on, as will tutoring. A separate communication will be sent to parents whose children attend Benchball and Hockey clubs as these are teacher run clubs which cannot run on Thursday 2nd March.

When making any decisions to close or partially close the school, please be aware there are many factors to consider. This includes the health and safety aspects of a reduced staff capacity including adequate supervision, necessary first aid cover and the required safeguarding provision.

Finally, I absolutely recognise the disruption that this causes for parents and carers which is why we have wanted to provide you with this information at our earliest opportunity. I know that the decision the teachers have made is certainly not one that has been taken lightly, for all the reasons explained in my letter of 24th January 2023.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter and if you have any concerns that you would wish to speak to us confidentially about then do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Wood".

Mrs Louise Wood
Headteacher