



Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

NEU Industrial Action – Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023

Further to previous correspondence regarding the industrial action impacting schools, I write to confirm the situation for next Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023.

The action will result in Barrow Hedges being closed for various classes next Wednesday and Thursday. The table below shows those classes that are **OPEN** each day:

Wednesday 15 th March 2023 CLASSES OPEN	Thursday 16 th March 2023 CLASSES OPEN
Nursery Reception – Fox Reception – Badger Reception – Hedgehog Year 1 – Squirrel Year 1 – Otter Year 2 – Robin Year 2 - Kingfisher Year 2 – Woodpecker Year 3 – Elm Year 3 – Oak Year 4 – For all classes, children are either on the Hooke Court residential or in school Year 5 – Cedar Year 5 - Rowan Year 6 – Sycamore Year 6 – Chestnut Year 6 – Willow	Nursery Reception – Fox Reception – Badger Reception – Hedgehog Year 1 – Squirrel Year 1 – Otter Year 2 – Robin Year 4 – Lime Year 6 – Sycamore Year 6 – Chestnut Year 6 – Willow



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Our after school clubs, which are run by external providers on Wednesdays and 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 an externally run Wednesday or 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 can make the necessary arrangements. Hockey and Benchball are teacher run clubs so with regret cannot go ahead. **Hedgerows will run as usual for those children who are booked on, as will tutoring.**

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