



## Priory Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Arrangement for strike action – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

As you are aware, the National Education Union (NEU) will be holding industrial action nationally on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. This action is in response to an ongoing national dispute with the government regarding pay and school funding.

Members of teaching staff are not required in law to tell us in advance whether they intend to take strike action, which makes it more difficult to gauge the impact this will have on our schools. As you know, the NEU is by far the largest teaching union at Priory Junior School, accounting for the vast majority of teaching staff.

Given that these are nationally planned strikes on these days, we are expecting this to have a significant impact on our school on both **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March**. We have given careful consideration to what is able to be offered. Safeguarding is a key consideration in any decision to close or partially close, under these circumstances.

Given our legal duty to ensure adequate health and safety and supervision on site. At this stage, we can confirm that the following **arrangements will apply for Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March:**

### **The following groups / classes of children will be able to attend school:**

**All children in Year 3 on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March; EL3 and EW3 on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Children in LF5, HW6 and AG6 – on both days**

Priory Junior School will not be open **for AN4, MD4, TH4, AB5, AI5, KBS6 on Wednesday and Thursday**. It will not be open for **TW3 on Thursday**. We have identified children who we may be able to offer a place to on this day – who might otherwise be at home, and have contacted families directly regarding this today. Your child may have been offered a place if they are classified as vulnerable or if you have completed our survey indicating you work in the NHS, education or adult social care and have no alternative cover on this date. Thank-you to all who have completed our survey regarding this.



**Should anything change to these arrangements, we will let you know as soon as possible.**

We will provide learning activities for the children to do while at home, on SeeSaw. If you need any help with accessing this, please contact the school office. These will not be marked by teachers who are striking, but feedback will be provided by other members of staff.

Thank you for your understanding as we navigate this. I am sorry for the disruption and concern that this is causing families. Please be assured that we have considered every alternative to closure and have tried to maximise the number of students we can safely accommodate in the school.

If you do have any concerns, then please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Keefe  
Headteacher

