



27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear parents and carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our academy.

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for the **first strike on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

Most of our teachers are in the NEU. With the information that I currently have, all classes WILL be closed except from 1LW and 4MT (the children in these classes can attend school as normal). However, this could change right up until the day of the strike. If a teacher turns up to work, who we might not have expected, then we will inform you via text and My Child At School to let you know they can be brought in.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, and you would like us to provide a meal for them, we will be sending out a Microsoft forms link on Monday so you can let us know. We will let you know the arrangements for collection.

Breakfast club WILL still be available for any child in 1LW or 4MT however after school clubs will be cancelled on this day.

I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Oasis Academy Broadoak remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman', written over a white background.

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