

# Oaklands Junior School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

## **NEU Strike – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Only teachers in the National Education Union (NEU) are being called to strike (there are other teaching unions that are not affected). Teachers are told by their unions that they do not need to inform the headteacher until the day! I have exceptional staff who know the disruption this will cause so they do kindly inform me. This is not a decision that teachers have taken lightly; in the current climate everyone is struggling to meet the rising costs of living. If a teacher goes on strike to support their union, their pay is stopped for that day.

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, the following classes will be closed due to a reduction of teaching staff that will affect our ability to safeguard all children and comply with health and safety during the day which also includes breaktime and lunchtime supervision:

Class	Teacher
3L	Mr Lee
4D	Miss Davidson
4JG	Mrs Jones/Miss Green

On this occasion, we can only run an extra class of mixed year groups on **Thursday** due to not having enough staff to cover an extra class on the Wednesday.

If you meet the criteria required as an emergency critical worker, then please [click on this link](#) to be considered for a place in school. This must be completed by midday on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March so that we can prioritise limited spaces and notify you if you have been successful. In this category, single parent families will be prioritised but if two parents are both critical key workers and have the same hours, then these families will also be included where possible. Please give as much detail as you can in the survey link, so that we are able to provide what we can for those who need us most on **Thursday**, given the limitations we have for availability of staff. We do appreciate your support.

As families may be working from home too, we would encourage children to work independently on homework, spellings, Doodle English/Maths and times tables. Please be aware that unions do not allow staff on strike to set work.

To minimise the impact of these strikes on education, we will do our very best to prioritise catch-up sessions for children who miss school, so they are not in any way disadvantaged.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. H. West  
Headteacher