

## St Alban's CE Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

## **Teacher Strikes Update**

We recently wrote to you to let you know that teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action. The strikes will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 15<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> March.

At this stage, we understand that a significant number of colleagues will be taking industrial action, as most staff are in the NEU.

We know that the following classes will remain **open** to pupils on the first strike day, 1st **February**:

FS1 (nursery), Mrs North's class Year One, Mrs Whyman's class Year Six, Mrs Cooper's class

Having carried out a risk assessment and in response to information given to us by NEU staff members, we can confirm that the following classes will **close** to pupils on 1<sup>st</sup> **February**:

FS2 (Reception), Mrs Taha's class

Year 2, Miss Widdop's class

Year 3. Mr Dawson's class

Year 4, Mr Frelich's class

Year 5, Mrs Staniforth's class

We will update you closer to the time about the three other strike days (28<sup>th</sup> February 15<sup>th</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> March) when we have more information, however we recommend that you start to make arrangements for these dates too.

We recognise and respect the right of our staff to take part in industrial action and ask that all members of our community continue to treat each other with respect. We understand that this situation may be frustrating and apologise for any potential disruption caused.

## Other information

Mrs Gurner is still on sick leave and will be off for a further week. We continue to wish her well and hope she will be better soon. We have arranged cover for her, including myself on some days, and I am in school all day today, too, if anyone has any questions (Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January). Please contact the school office if you would like a call back or to talk to someone.

As Mrs Gurner will be on sick leave next week, *the spelling workshops planned for next week will now be postponed* and we will inform you of new dates when Mrs Gurner returns.

Thank you for your understanding,

Mrs Adair (previous headteacher and current Deputy CEO of our trust)