

19<sup>th</sup> January 2023



Dear Parent/Carer

Eastbrook School

### Notification of Industrial Action/strikes

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

I'm writing today regarding the announcement by the National Education Union (NEU) on 16<sup>th</sup> January regarding their intention to call strike action from next month. They have announced regional and national action on several dates. The ones which affect London are:

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

As you can see, all schools in England and Wales will be affected by this strike action. It is too early to inform you of the extent of the strikes on our school, but please be assured that we will attempt to give you as much notice as we can. I will be writing you nearer the time to explain this. Possibilities could be a whole school closure, a partial closure to some year groups or partial closure to all but key worker and vulnerable students (such as in the lockdown period).

We will decide closer to the time when we have a clearer picture of how many staff will be present on strike days and we have carried out a thorough risk assessment to ensure the health and safety of anyone who comes onto the school site.

It is worth noting that all staff in schools have the best interests of the children in their care at heart and those staff that are part of the striking union are taking industrial for several reasons and with heavy hearts. It is not a decision they will have taken lightly. Those reasons include the long-term health of schools and the teaching profession overall.

As I stated, I will be writing to you nearer the time to explain how the strikes will affect Eastbrook School. Until then, stay well and thanks, as ever, for your support of the school.

Best wishes

Avani Higgins,  
**Headteacher**