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8th March 2023

Notification of strike action and closure of Bush Hill Park Primary School on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

Dear Parents and Carers

The NEU (National Education Union) has declared another 2 days of strike action by their teacher members, planned for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023, because the national dispute has not been resolved.

The NEU maintains their rationale that the strikes are about the 'unsustainable situation' caused by 'historic real-time pay cuts', and reminds us that the strikes are not against the children teachers work so hard for every day.

We have a number of teachers who we aware have made the decision to strike. Having reassessed the impact on the school because of this strike action, the Governors and I have made the decision that the school will be **CLOSED to pupils on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023.**

When making any decision to close or partially close the school, please be aware that there are many factors I have to consider, including the health and safety impact of a significantly reduced staff capacity including adequate supervision, necessary first aid cover and the required safeguarding provision. As with the first day of action, I have also carefully considered the non-statutory guidance we have been provided with. It is with the health and safety and wellbeing of children in mind, that the decision to close has been made.

Any child in receipt of Free School Meals will be sent a separate email with more information about how to order and collect a packed lunch on the day if they wish.

Teachers remain hopeful that the dispute between the NEU and the Government will resolve so there will be no future disruption and they can continue to do their job in the right conditions in order to provide a high-quality education for all children at Bush Hill Park Primary School.

Thank you for your support for our teachers and the rest of our school community. I appreciate the impact that strike action has on our families. Please note we will open as normal on Friday 17th March.

Yours faithfully,

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