

24 February 2023

**Head of School - Ingrid Dowse**  
**Executive Head - Jess Paul**

Dear parents/carers,

As I am sure you are aware from media coverage, the NEU have declared strike action and the second date for industrial action is 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023. 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 school.

We are writing to you to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for next week (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March).

- Early Years, Year 4, 5 and 6 will be open as usual.
- Having considered staffing levels across the school for the day, we have made the decision to **close Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3**

As children in year 1, 2 and 3 are unable to come to school, we will be sending out some activities to do and links to useful educational websites. We would also recommend that the children spend some time reading on that day.

If your year 1/ 2/3 child is entitled to a free school meal, a packed lunch will be available for you to collect from 11am. Please could you phone the office by the end of the day on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February if you require a packed lunch.

For children in Early Years, 4, 5 and 6, the Brook (breakfast and after school club) will be open as usual.

Please note that members are allowed to change their mind up to the day of the industrial action so please ensure you keep up to date with any school correspondence on this matter as plans may change with little notice.

We are sorry that some of you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. We understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Tanners Brook 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 we will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

Kind regards,



**Jess Paul**  
**Executive Headteacher**



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**Head of School**