

Blossom Federation

Daubeney, Sebright and Lauriston



22nd February 2023

NEU Industrial Action for 2nd March 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

Further to our last update, there are further National Education Union industrial action dates planned for Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.

Union leaders met the education secretary, Gillian Keegan, on Wednesday morning, the latest of a series of meetings. Though they remarked on a new urgency about the talks, there was still no progress on pay. As things stand, further strike action looks inevitable. There are also warnings of a potential escalation, with other unions now considering next steps.

You are aware that industrial action is **not** something staff in the education profession take lightly. As before, across the Federation, we are making plans to determine whether each school will **close to children or open partially**. This is dependent on the numbers of NEU staff members who intend to take industrial action again. We understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to support our staff.

Over the next day or so, we should have a clearer picture of how this affects each school but you should prepare for the **schools being closed next Thursday 2nd March**. This may also impact our Children's Centres.

The NEU themselves may also call off industrial action and if there is any change, this will be communicated to you.

You will hear from each school by the end of this week with a further update.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robin Warren". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Robin Warren

Executive Head Teacher

The Blossom Federation of Daubeney, Sebright & Lauriston Schools