

CHOWBENT PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Subject: NEU Strike Action: Tuesday 28th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will already be aware that teachers in the NEU (National Education Union) have voted by a substantial margin for strike action and the second strike day will be Tuesday 28th February.

As we clarified in our last letter, the teachers and support staff at Chowbent Primary School are in a number of different Unions and the only union whose members voted for strike action is the NEU.

Once again, we would like to clarify that the decision our teachers have made to strike is not showing a lack of commitment to their work and duty, or anything to do with Chowbent Primary School and the children in our care, but making a stand about pay and conditions on a national level plus the overall levels of school funding. I continue to respect that each individual teacher is fully entitled to make their own decision regarding the strike action.

We know that this is a challenging time for everyone concerned: parents and carers, children and the colleagues who have taken a difficult decision, whichever way they voted.

As per the last strike day, the duties of any staff member choosing to take action will not be covered by other colleagues in school. We have completed a new risk assessment of the impact of striking staff on the safe running of the school with a specific consideration of the ability of our youngest pupils to access learning at home.

To this effect there will be one class closed to children on Tuesday 28th February, which will be Year 6.

I hope this gives the relevant families enough notice to make arrangements for Tuesday 28th February.

Kind regards

J.Randle
Headteacher

