

At Fairstead Community Primary and Nursery School, we nurture and invest in our relationships. We identify each individual's potential and work as a team to create a safe environment for everyone to grow and succeed.

Dear parents/carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over and not because of any issues at our school.

**The following classes will remain open tomorrow:**

6C  
6CR  
3N  
2C  
Nursery

**Breakfast Club will remain open as normal for the children in the classes above.**

**All other classes will be closed.**

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and feel that we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available.

There is further strike action planned on the following dates:

- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

I will risk assess these dates nearer to the time and try provide you with as much notice as possible about the opening of the school.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

**Be Safe**



**Be Respectful**



**Be a Learner**



**Be Responsible**



We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions, please contact myself at [office@fairstead.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@fairstead.norfolk.sch.uk) or by calling the school on 01553 774666.

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals and would like to collect a packed lunch (cheese sandwiches) from school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March a Parentmail form will follow this letter with instructions on how to do this.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Farthing  
Headteacher

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