

18th January 2023

Strike Action - update

Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware that the teachers' union, National Education Union (NEU), is planning strike action, which potentially will take place on 1st February 28th February 15th and 16th March. The strike action is happening nationally due to a dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions, and not because of any issues at our school or Trust.

I want to give you as much notice as possible about possible disruption on these dates. I understand the inconvenience caused to families and appreciate that you will want to know how this will affect your child so that you can plan any alternative childcare arrangements.

We are considering several options to deal with potentially reduced staff numbers, hoping to keep the school safely open for as many children as possible. This will depend on how many staff are planning to strike. We are working closely with our staff, local authority and the Trust team to make arrangements. Please bear with us – I will inform you of our arrangements as soon as I possibly can.

At Bowling Green Academy, our motto is 'Achieving Together', and I know how much our children and families care deeply for our teachers and all staff here. I know that our community will continue to be positive during this difficult situation. It is everyone's commitment at Bowling Green to ensure that our school is an excellent place to learn in a safe environment and, although there may be some disruption, our KITE Value of Kindness will remain in place for all.

Yours thankfully,

