

# Willow Dene School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may already know, the National Education Union has announced a series of strikes beginning on 1st February 2023. The full list of dates are:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (Essex schools only)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 (London schools only)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

At the moment, it is unclear how many teachers will actually strike on the identified days but what we do know is that the action is likely to cause significant disruption to the running of the school and may ultimately lead to a complete closure.

It is very difficult for us to know how many teachers will be striking until we are much nearer the dates, as individual members are protected in law and not obliged to inform the school of their intention to strike or not. We are therefore writing to you now to ask that you make plans for childcare in the event of your child's class or the school being closed for the days identified above.

We will update you with any further information at the end of this week.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Harrison  
Executive Head Teacher  
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