



BRADGATE
Education Partnership

20th January 2023

FAO of Parents & Carers
By Email

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Strike Action – National Education Union

You may be aware of the ballots for strike action that have been taking place in recent months with the NASUWT, National Education Union (NEU) and National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) over a dispute with the government relating to teachers pay. I confirm that members of the NEU are entitled to undertake strike action with the Union having announced the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st February 2023
- Wednesday 1st March 2023 – East Midlands Region
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

It is acknowledged that there are teaching colleagues who are part of the NEU who may wish to exercise their right to strike if they are part of the NEU, therefore should colleagues wish to strike, the intention and action to do so will be recognised by the Trust.

In light of the intended strike action, I wanted to provide parents with some information:

- **Opening of schools** – it is the intention that our schools will stay open, with our Head Teachers currently working through operational plans of how this will be the case, we will aim to ensure that there is as little disruption as possible to pupils being able to come to school on the days of the strike.
- **Operational Planning and Local Communication** – As mentioned, our Head Teachers are currently working through operational plans, however it is difficult to predict the extent to which schools and classes will be affected. Head Teachers will do their best to ensure that parents are fully informed of local plans and will be communicating with you closer to the time of the strike days as to how the school will be open.
- **Picketing** – It may be that staff who are striking on the days outlined wish to attend picket lines. We do assume that those who attend picket lines will ensure that parents and children can attend school on those days peacefully and without disruption.

Please rest assured that the Trust are working closely together in this matter and Head Teachers are doing their best at this time, if you have any concerns or questions about the planned days of strike action, please do make contact with your Head Teacher.

Yours Sincerely

Gareth Nelmes
Chief Executive Officer