




## Thornton Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Re. Teacher Strikes

You may be aware from media coverage that the teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action. The strikes in Birmingham will take place on:

- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

The strike is happening as a result of the national dispute between the union and the government over pay and funding and NOT because of any issue at this school.

Our absolute priority is to keep the school open for all children although this will depend on the staff available. You do need to know that your child's learning may be disrupted during this time. Therefore, you should explore any potential alternative childcare arrangements for these dates in case if it is not safe to keep the school open.

We are working closely with our staff to keep you up to date with the situation and I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible. Currently, we are planning to be open to all pupils, but this situation may change. We will let you know if there are any changes as soon as we can by text message and a letter home.

We recognise and respect the right of our staff to take part in industrial action and ask that all members of our community continue to treat each other with respect. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and apologise for any potential disruption caused. Please speak to a member of SLT on the school gates if you have any questions. Thank you.

Kind regards

Mrs Cathy Grace  
Headteacher

