

## **Waterloo Primary School**

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Dear parents/carers,

## National Education Union (NEU) - Industrial Action

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU have declared strike action. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over a fully funded education system that is fit for purpose for all children and not because of any issues at our school.

Unless an agreement is reached, school will be closed to all pupils on the following days:

Tuesday 28th February Wednesday 15th March Thursday 16th March

Work will not be set for pupils on these dates however; activities can be accessed at BBC Bitesize <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary</a> and Oak Academy https://classroom.thenational.academy/

In addition, pupils have access to Phonics Bug/Bug Club in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. (All children should have a log in to access this on line resource)

In Year 3 and Year 4 in addition to Phonics Bug and Bug Club, children can access Times Tables Rock Stars.

In Year 5 and Year 6 children in the mainstream classes can access SAT's Companion which has a range of activities in English, Maths and Science. This would be the preferred resource for Year 5 and Year 6 children.

Governors 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 on the day(s) of NEU industrial action.

















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.

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 your child is eligible for benefits related free school meals (Pupil Premium) a voucher worth £2.50 will be provided via email the day before. If you require this in a printed format – please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Baldwin

Headteacher