

18<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers of Oak Trees Multi Academy Trust Schools,

As you may have seen in the news, members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to take strike action in February and March for a set number of days in the first instance. For Wirral, the dates of the proposed strikes are:

- Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>
- Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> and
- Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Not all teachers will be in the NEU as there are a number of different teacher unions, but it does have a large membership, with the Trust having a significant number of teachers across our schools in the NEU.

At the moment, the Trust schools are assessing the impact this may have on our schools and looking to put in place plans for each school on the first strike day in February. We have also organised a Headteacher meeting tomorrow to discuss further how, as a Trust we can deal with the strike action across the schools. The Headteachers of each school will inform parents of this at the earliest opportunity as you may need to put arrangements in place for childcare on these days.

Whilst as a Trust we regret any inconvenience this may cause, we must respect that members of any professional association/union have the right to take this action following a legal ballot. There is also the potential for strikes to be called off subject to further talks or negotiations.

The Headteacher of your school will update you further as soon as possible as to the plans on February 1<sup>st</sup>, and we appreciate your understanding and co-operation as each school looks to plan to address any issues which may arise from the strike action.

Yours sincerely,



Tony Lacey  
Chief Executive Officer  
Oak Trees Multi Academy Trust

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