



24th January, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

INDUSTRIAL ACTION UPDATE

As you will be aware from the news, Industrial Strike Action is being taken by certain teaching unions. The action is being taken for a number of reasons:

- The teaching profession is facing a severe recruitment crisis with 41% of teachers leaving the profession in the last 10 years.
- Education has been under funded for years and schools are finding it increasingly difficult to finance high quality education for your children.
- The recent pay award for teachers was under inflation, plus our schools were not given the money in their budgets to fund this.

Due to the planned action for **Wednesday 1st February**, the Chair of Governors and I have discussed how this industrial action will impact our school and we are writing to inform you that we have insufficient teaching staff to open the school on the above date.

Consequently, this means:

- **Red Hall Primary School and STRIVE will be closed to ALL pupils on Wednesday 1st February, 2023**

Any child entitled to Free School Meals and who would like to order a lunch bag to collect between 12 and 1pm that day will receive an email on parentmail to enable you to order one in advance

We understand how disruptive school closures can be to parents/carers so we are providing you with as much notice as has been possible so that you can make arrangements for your children on that day. We apologise for this inconvenience but hope that you are able to support the action taken by our teachers

Ms J Davidson

Executive Headteacher