

Stanford School



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Dear parents/carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that NEU have declared strike action, which will take place on 1st February. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm sorry to inform you that Stanford Junior and Infant School will be closed on 1st February 2023. We are asking you not to send your child into school on this day.

We 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. I have made this decision based on the guidance from the DfE and with regard to health and safety and safeguarding requirements. I have communicated this decision to governors and the LA.

Packed lunches will be available for those children who are on income based free school meals - please collect the lunches from the school office on Tuesday 31st January or Wednesday 1st February.

Remote learning will not be available but there are useful links and home learning tasks already set on the school web site.

I will keep you informed of the plans regarding the other dates put forward for strike action by the NEU as soon as is practicable.

There were a number of events and activities booked for the 1st February at school which we have had to rearrange;

- Year 1 learning share has been rescheduled for Tuesday 7th February at 2.30pm
- We have contacted the school nurses to re-schedule Height and Weight checks for FS and Yr 6 pupils

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 you have any questions, please contact school at office@stanfordschool.co.uk or 01472 318003.

Yours sincerely

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