## DOTHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Head Teacher: Becca Butler



25<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Industrial Action – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

You may have heard on the news that the NEU (National Education Union) has balloted its members and they have voted for strike action. The first day of action is 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023. I wanted to give you as much notice as possible regarding the fact that we will be running a partial school closure of classes on that day. As it stands today there are five classes that will not be open to pupils as follows:

## 1C 1J 2M 2S 5Jo

This means that pupils in those classes should not come to school on that day. It is expected that siblings in classes that are open would attend as normal. If a pupil does not attend their open class without good reason then their absence would be considered unauthorised. Please be aware that Choir and Coding Club are cancelled on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please make arrangements to collect your children as normal on this day.

It is important to note that teachers are not obliged to tell me of their plans to strike. I have made these arrangements based on the information that I have received to date. Although I hope it is unlikely, it could be that a teacher does not tell me until the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> February of their intention to strike. This would mean that we would need to close a class at very short notice and your child may come to school to find that they have to go home again. This is important to note for children in Year 5 and 6 who may come to school without an adult. Please keep an eye on the website/Facebook as we will keep you up to date with any last minute changes.

I understand that you may find this situation frustrating but I ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect and kindness. Dothill Primary School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

Subsequent strike dates are planned for 1<sup>st</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023. We are working closely with our staff and union representatives to keep up to date with the latest information, and I will keep you informed with anything relevant that may impact on the running of the school.

Best wishes Becca Butler Head Teacher





