



17th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will be aware from media coverage that the NEU (National Education Union) have declared strike action, the second of which is **Wednesday 1st March 2023**.

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the Government, and not because of any issues with our school.

After careful consideration, the likelihood of enough suitably trained staff to keep everyone safe, staff to pupil ratios, our ability to carry out emergency plans (evacuations etc.), I am sorry to inform you that disruption is unavoidable. I also understand that the situation is frustrating and an inconvenience, but on Wednesday 1st March, **Bramford will be open to Nursery, Reception, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6**, and some vulnerable pupils. (Closed to Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4).

Attendance is expected to all pupils in Reception, Years 2, 5 and 6, in line with School and DfE attendance policies. We would also like to state that we will be providing packed lunches for all of FSM pupils who are not attending, who will leave school on Tuesday 28th February with a bagged meal. (Not Universal meals for pupils in Year 1).

As a Trust and school, we remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering a high quality education for all.

We will treat each of the strike days individually and will, therefore, make a decision to inform you no later than a week before each date (15th March and 16th March 2023).

Thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Ms C Handley
Head of School

