

9 March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The remaining planned days of strike action by the National Education Union (NEU) that will affect our school this term are as follows:

1. **Wednesday 15 March 2023**
2. **Thursday 16 March 2023**

As the Headteacher of the school, I have to determine the number of striking staff members on each of these days to ensure that the effective and safe provision of education continues to be achieved. I will consider each day in advance.

I'm sorry to inform you that Stormont House School will be **closed to students on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 2023**. We are asking you not to send your child into school on this day. This is because I am only expecting me and one deputy to be in school, with just one of the other teaching staff. Some support staff will again need to remain at home because their children's schools are also closed.

If your child receives Free School Meals, you will have already received an email asking you if you would like us to send home some meals prepared by our kitchen. Please respond by 12.00 on Friday 10th. We would send these home with your child on Tuesday 14th.

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for our students but would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available. We will keep Local Authority Transport teams informed.

I'm sorry that you will have to **make alternative arrangements for your child on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 2023**, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating even where there is some sympathy for the underlying reasons for the action. I appreciate that there are a wide range of views and information is presented in different ways to support those views. The NEU explain why they are taking this action [here](#).

We are working closely with our staff union representatives and Hackney Education to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further. I will, of course, contact you to remind you of future planned strike action dates to give you as much notice as possible about arrangements for those days. If you have any questions, please contact the school in the usual ways.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kevin McDonnell'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kevin McDonnell
Headteacher