



18th January 2023

Dear Parents,

You may be aware from recent media coverage that the teachers' union, National Education Union, have stated their intention to strike in the following months. This will affect London on the following dates:

- 1st February 2023
- 2nd March 2023
- 15th March 2023
- 16th March 2023

The strike has been called because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

Each school will be managing the situation separately, depending on their staff. I am getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning will be disrupted on these dates. At the moment, no decision has been made about the situation at Bowes. **As a precaution**, we recommend that you start to consider alternative childcare arrangements for these dates. We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation. I will inform you of the final arrangements, as soon as possible, as to whether there will be a closure.

I am sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's 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. Bowes remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Kind regards,

Effie Demetriou
Headteacher