



# Fishwick Primary School

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Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The strike action I wrote to you about last week is going ahead as planned on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023, in the first instance. Please see the message below for parents/carers from the NEU, explaining more about the reasons for the strike action.

**I'm sorry to inform you that Fishwick Primary School will be closed to all children on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.**

I will confirm arrangements for the other planned dates nearer the time, but would currently expect the situation to be the same.

We have not taken this decision lightly and we remain committed to providing a quality education and safe and secure environment for our pupils but, following a risk assessment, I feel that we would be unable to provide this with the staff we will have available.

We understand the frustration this may cause in having to make alternative arrangements for your child, and the disruption it will cause to their education. However, we ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

If you would like your child to engage in remote learning on the day they will still have access to the usual web-based tools provided by school such as Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars. There are also learning resources available on the Oak National Academy where you can choose age appropriate lessons for different subjects.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage>

If your child is entitled to a free school meal we will be able to provide them with a lunch pack that they will bring home the evening before the closure.

I will continue to take advice from the local authority and union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change.

If you have any questions, please contact me through the school office.

Kind regards,

*V Conway*

Vicki Conway  
Headteacher



### Message to parents/carers from the NEU

You might not know why we have taken this decision, but what you do know is that we always try to do our best for your children.

We give them a good education and make school a warm and welcoming community, where staff know and understand them and you.

We give them continuity and stability with enough teachers who know their subjects and have the proper resources to help your children learn and grow.

### **But we are struggling to do that right now.**

In July, the Government offered most teachers a pay rise below the rising rate of inflation amounting, in reality, to a pay cut. They expected every school to pay for this out of its budget with no extra funding to balance the extra cost, leaving less money for resources for your children.

As pay is not keeping up with the cost of living, teachers are leaving the profession with one in three teachers leaving within the first five years.

Alongside this, fewer trainees are beginning teacher training than are needed meaning there is a growing recruitment crisis.

This has resulted in schools being under-funded and struggling to recruit enough good teachers, impacting on the quality of education for our children.

**Please support the staff in our children's schools.**