

Frettenham Primary School
Hainford Primary School
Horsford Primary School
Old Catton Junior School
White Woman Lane School
St. Faiths' Primary School



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Ashley Best-White
Executive Headteacher

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has announced a series of strikes and Wednesday 1 March is the next date which might affect your child's school.

The other teaching unions, at this time, have not announced any strikes.

As I assured you in my last letter, it is always my intention to do what I can in order for your child's school to remain open, however, staff shortages due to strike action, may mean that we will be unable to deliver normal provision.

The options we will be looking at are not limited to, but will include:

- keeping classes open where teaching staff are not on strike
- restricting attendance to vulnerable children only
- closing the school

I will only consider restricting attendance, or closing the school, if I am unable to provide safe staffing levels.

I have asked each teacher if they feel able to tell me if they are being involved in the strikes or not, and once I have this information, (which they are not obliged to share), I will let you know if and how our schools will be affected.

I appreciate that the strike action will create challenges for some of you and will do everything I can to ensure that the impact is minimised. I am currently working to understand the implications and consider the best way forward and your child's school will be in touch as soon as possible to outline our planned approach.

In the meantime, I ask for your patience and understanding as we support the right to strike, but also maintain our commitment to doing what we can for our children.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. D. Best-White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the 'i' in "White".

Ashley Best-White
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