

Sageston CP School

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Strike Action – Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, members of the National Education Union (NEU) voted for strike action earlier this year. In addition, members of the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) also voted in favour of industrial action and are currently involved in Action Short of Strike.

I am now in a position to inform you that members of the NEU who teach at Sageston CP School intend to strike on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. Therefore, **Robin, Barn Owl and Swan Classes** will be closed on Wednesday 15th March and **Barn Owl and Swan Classes** will be closed on Thursday 16th March.

I appreciate that this strike action is disruptive for pupils and their families. However, I believe it is very important to reiterate the reasons for the strike and Action Short of Strike. Staff are not simply asking for an improved pay offer. We are, understandably, very concerned about the significant impact underfunding of the education sector will have on the provision available to the pupils who are the very heartbeat of the Sageston CP School community. At Sageston CP School, we will regrettably have to go through a process of staff restructuring this year in order to make significant savings for the future.

The staff at Sageston CP School are committed, dedicated and hard-working professionals and want nothing more than to be in the classrooms with our learners. The difficult decision staff have made over strike action, is about ensuring we are given the proper financial backing to do the very best for our pupils – it is the least they all deserve. This industrial action is about protecting the future of education.

During any strike action, children eligible for Free School Meals will have the money paid directly into their parents'/carers' bank accounts.

We are, as always, grateful for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Welch Headteacher