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Thursday 16th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Strike Action 1st March

As you will be aware, the NEU teaching union has called its members to strike. The second day affected is 1st March 2023.

We have conducted a thorough risk assessment to take into account the changed variables since the first strike day in February. This is so we are able to make a safe and proportionate decision on how to respond. **Chawson 1st School will be closed to all children on 1st March 2023.** This is because we are unable to ensure sufficient, safe staffing on this day.

If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal, a sandwich packed lunch will be available. You must order these by Monday 3pm. These will be sent home with the children on Tuesday.

The decision to strike has not been taken lightly by Chawson staff. It is important to stress that the decision to strike does not reflect an individual teacher's personal commitment to their class and children. We encourage parents to explore for themselves the information available regarding school funding and the challenges this presents to schools nationally.

We will fully review the planned strike days on 15th and 16th March when we return after the half term break. Please be aware that we are likely to be closed on these two days. If we are closed on 15th March, arrangements will be made so that Year 1 are able to attend their Black Country Museum trip.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Peck'.

Miss Nicola Peck
Headteacher

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Sanders'.

Mr Nick Sanders
Chair of Governors