



Comber Grove Primary School

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Thursday, 23rd February 2023

Dear Comber Grove families,

Notification of closure of school on Thursday, 02nd March 2023

As you may be aware, we have been informed by the **NEU Trade Union** of its proposal to take strike action both nationally and regionally over a number of days.

The second day of strike action by NEU teacher members is planned to take place on **Thursday, 02nd March 2023**. The NEU is in dispute with the Secretary of State for Education with regards to their failure to ensure enough money is available to pay a fully funded increase in pay for teachers which at least matches inflation, and which begins to restore lost pay.

These are the possible further dates for planned strike action:

- Wednesday, 15th March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales.
- Thursday, 16th March 2023: all eligible members in England and Wales.

As Headteacher, in conjunction with the Governing Body, I have assessed the impact of the strike action that is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, 02nd March 2023**. After careful consideration, I have decided that the school will need to close to pupils. Due to the number of staff involved, there will be serious operational difficulties.

This decision has not been taken lightly, and whilst I regret needing to take this action, it is done to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils.

Please access **remote learning** in our learning resources section on our school website found at: <https://combergroveprimary.co.uk/home-learning-resources/>

Packed lunches will be available for collection on Wednesday, 01st March 2023 for all pupils who are entitled to FSM. I apologise sincerely for the difficulties these arrangements will cause to parents and carers, but unfortunately these circumstances are beyond our control.

The school will open as normal on **Friday, 03rd March 2023**. Please be reminded that we are celebrating **WORLD BOOK DAY on Friday, 03rd March 2023**.

If you have any queries or concerns, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Lorrám Black
(Headteacher)
23/02/2023