



# Howard Primary School

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## Industrial Action planned for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Following on from our previous letter, we would like to inform you that the following classes will be closed next Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, due to Industrial action.

**Year 2 (Hungerford and Westminster),  
Year 4 (Millennium),  
Year 5 (Cannon Street) and  
Year 6 (Tower Bridge).**

Children in these class should not come to school on this day as we do not have sufficient staff to maintain their health, safety and welfare. This will not affect your child's attendance record. Please encourage your child to access the online resources provided by the school on this day including Mathletics in addition to continuing to read their home reading book.

**The following classes will be open:**

**Reception (Chelsea and Grosvenor)  
Year 1 (Lambeth and Vauxhall)  
Year 3 (Waterloo and Blackfriars)  
Year 4 (Southwark)  
Year 5 (London)  
Year 6 (QE2)**

Children in these classes must attend school as normal.

Please see the following excerpt from the NEU union 'Message to Parents and Carers' as a reminder as to why Industrial Action is taking place:

*Teachers do not want to strike but the Government have given them no choice. They are striking for education and hope that you will support them despite the inconvenience it may cause.*

*Teachers are taking strike action because they are concerned that cuts to teachers pay, and lack of funding for schools, are causing a crisis in education. The value of teacher and support staff pay has fallen by 20% since 2010. This has caused a crisis in recruitment and retention. More teachers and school leaders than ever are leaving their jobs and the Government cannot recruit enough teachers to replace them. Funding for schools has not kept in line with rising costs. Schools are spending less on important equipment and resources.*

*The NEU are calling on the Government to increase pay for teachers and support staff and also increase funding for schools.*



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## *Howard Primary School*

We understand that this situation might be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Please may we ask that you do not approach teachers individually about their intentions or decision. Howard School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching. We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and we will keep you informed re future dates when we know more from the NEU.

We want to thank you for your continued support of our teachers, wider staff in education and school.

Regards

**Mr J Robinson & Mr P Smith**  
(Co-Chairs of Governors)

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(Headteacher)



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