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27th January 2023,

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well.

Strike Action

I wrote to you earlier in the week regarding the NEU strike action planned for Wednesday 1st February. We have a number of teachers in the NEU, and also staff who may be affected in their own children's schools. Because of this we will have some staff absences on Wednesday.

School will be open on this date except to those classes affected by the action. I have written separately to parents/carers of children in classes affected. This letter went out on Wednesday.

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. A national strike by teachers is very unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the days that they are on strike.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will resume next week as follows:

Tuesdays – Invasion Games WLSP 3.15-4.15

Wednesdays – Knitting 12.15pm

Thursdays – Mini Vinnie's 12.15pm

Striking and Fielding WLSP 3.15-4.15

Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows –

Reception – 86.7%

Y1/2 – 92.1%

Y3 – 90.9%

Y4 – 85.0%

Y5 – 98.3%

Y6 – 85.4%



The Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund is now available... Please spread the word and click the link below for further details:

[Household Support Fund - West Lancashire Borough Council \(westlancs.gov.uk\)](https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/household-support-fund)

Directory of Support Services

The Financial Inclusion Team at West Lancs Borough Council have generated a directory of resources that's easily accessible for anyone and everyone.

Please click the link below to have a look as it's a great resource to have to hand.

[Directory of Support Services - West Lancashire Borough Council \(westlancs.gov.uk\)](https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/support-services)

Help and Assistance in Difficult Times

Times are hard at the moment for many. The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) can provide practical assistance if you need it and we have a local branch in Skelmersdale. You can ring them on 07470351042. They are really approachable and non-judgemental and they help us a lot as a school. There is a foodbank available behind St Francis of Assisi Church near the entrance to the adjoining house. This is open every Wednesday from 12 noon until 1pm.

Cost of Living Support – Guidance for parents and carers

Find out the most up-to-date information about what help is available for households and businesses in Lancashire on the [Cost of living support website](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support). This website summarises some of the most useful information from Lancashire County Council and they have asked that we share it with you.

Have a good weekend.

Ann Naylor (Headteacher)