



# Sherburn High School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## RE: Strike Action on Wednesday 1 February 2023

As you may have seen in the news this week, the National Education Union (NEU) has voted to take strike action in schools over a number of days in February and March in relation to ongoing national disputes relating to pay.

Only qualified teachers who are members of the NEU or who are not part of a trade union may take part in the industrial strike action. This does mean, however, that some staff employed at Sherburn High School may not be in school as a consequence of the proposed industrial action.

The dates where strike action is currently planned to take place are 1 February, 28 February, 15 March and 16 March 2023.

The Department for Education has updated its 'Handling Strike Action in Schools' guidance where it has set out that Headteachers, governing bodies and academy trusts are to take all reasonable steps to keep schools open for as many students as possible. As I am sure you will appreciate, this is very much dependent on the number of staff who will be taking part in strike action on the dates provided above. Please be assured that we will be seeking to minimise disruption to students, especially those in exam years, but must also ensure the health and safety of all.

Over the coming week, we will be carefully assessing the likely impact of the strike action in order to maintain appropriate staffing levels in school, and we will write to you again next week to provide you with more information of our plans for our provision on 1 February 2023.

Yours faithfully,

Miriam Oakley  
Headteacher

