

26th January 2023

## National Strike Action - 1st February 23

Dear Parents / Carers,

Further to the news of the NEU strike action, I am now able to share specific details of how this will affect pupils at Nether Stowe.

We have undertaken a risk assessment for the school to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our pupils. The trust, and I, feel it necessary to partially close the school. Accordingly, on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, the school will only be open for children in years 7, 11, 12 and 13.

Please note we are unaware of the specific numbers of staff who will be on strike or who may be joining picket lines on strike days, but minimising disruption to our pupils who attend the school on those days remains our priority.

We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause; however, it is hoped that a clear decision will enable you to make plans ahead of the disruption expected.

We will provide further details for parents of pupils in year 8, 9 and 10 on the arrangements for the receipt of free school meals on 1<sup>st</sup> February in due course.

Remote learning is available for children not attending school that day.

All of these resources are located on Stella – our digital learning resources library. Pupils can use their iPad to access Stella via the school website or by clicking on the link in their Nether Stowe Community Class in Showbie. The link is in the key documents assignment.

Stella is a secure site and can only be accessed with a username (school email address) and password (the same password for accessing email). Please check your child has these details and encourage them to visit the IT Technicians at break or lunchtime if they have forgotten their password.

If you experience any problems accessing the resources, please contact: <u>ITAdvice@atlp.org.uk</u>. When emailing, please remember to state the school name, full pupil name as well as the nature of the problem.

If there are any developments at a national level, and if strike action in schools is averted this will be notified through our usual school communication channels.

It is with regret that I must inform you of these circumstances and I thank you for your continued engagement with myself and the senior leadership team during this period of national strike action.

Please be assured the wellbeing and safety of our students remain our priority.

Yours faithfully,

Mr G Langston-Jones **Headteacher**