

Phoenix St. Peter Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Teacher Strikes

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action. The strikes will take place on Wednesday 1st February, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March **nationally and in our region on:**-

Wednesday 1st March – East Midlands, West Midlands, Eastern regions

The strike is happening as the result of a national dispute between the union and the government over pay and school funding, not because of any issues at our school or with REAch2 Academy Trust.

Our absolute priority is to keep the school open for all children if we can, although this will depend on the staff available, so I am writing to give you as much notice as possible that your child's learning may be disrupted during this time. Please explore alternative childcare arrangements for these dates just in case it is not safe for the school to remain open.

We are working closely with our staff to keep up to date with the situation and I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible this week.

We recognise and respect the right of our staff to take part industrial action and ask that all members of our community continue to treat each other with respect. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and apologise for any potential disruption caused.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Matthew Jordan Executive Headteacher

