

Executive Headteacher: Ms Sarah Jane Bellerby

10th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which is taking place across 2nd March, 15th March and 16th March. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teacher's pay and school funding and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm sorry to inform you that Mulberry Wood Wharf will be closed on Wednesday 15th March 2023. We are asking you not to send your child into school on this day.

We will open again on Thursday 16th March, so we look forward to seeing you again then.

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and feel that we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions, please contact myself on sbellerby@mulberryschoolstrust.org or via the school's email address on mulberrywoodwharf@mulberryschoolstrust.org.

Kind regards,



Sarah Jane Bellerby
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