

18<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You might have seen in the news this week that teacher members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to strike. This is in response to an ongoing national dispute with the government over pay and conditions; the dispute is not with Thomas Deacon Education Trust nor Warboys Primary Academy.

You can find further information about the strikes and NEU's motivation on their [website](#).

The strikes in our region are planned to take place on:

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

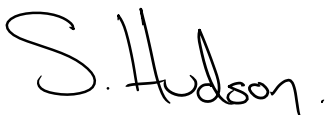
NEU is one of the largest trades unions for teachers and support staff, and we are aware that a proportion of our staff are members of the NEU. It is, therefore, very likely that we will be impacted in some way, and we cannot discount the possibility that academies may be closed for some pupils on the dates above.

Thomas Deacon Education Trust is working with our principals to ascertain what this means in each of our academies and putting contingency plans in place. We will also be taking advice to ensure best practice in managing any disruption to our normal service.

As always, our first priority will be to provide care for our vulnerable pupils, and after that, we will prioritise those currently studying for their tests and exams.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. We will be in touch as soon as we can to confirm the arrangements for these dates.

Yours sincerely



Scott Hudson  
Chief Executive