

23rd January 2023

Dear parents and carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union has declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 1st February, Tuesday 28th February, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our academy.

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on these dates. At this stage we're considering several options. As you will know, we are only able to open the school if we have a sufficient number of staff to keep everyone safe.

Whilst we are not yet in a position to confirm whether the academy will be open on 1st February (and the subsequent strike dates), please start to think about alternative childcare arrangements for these dates.

I'm sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's 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. Oasis Academy Lister Park remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

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

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Siân Dover'.

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