



Wednesday 1st March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Planned strike action at Riverside Bridge School on Thursday 2nd March 2023

We write further to our previous correspondence to update you on the progress of our contingency planning during the forthcoming strike action in schools.

What will happen at the school during the strike?

Riverside Bridge School will be closed to most pupils due to numbers of staff available and the health and safety of pupils on site.

If you are receiving this letter, the school is closed to your child on Thursday 2nd March 2023.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, your child will be given a packed lunch today to bring home with them for the following day.

If your child usually travels to school via LBBD borough transport services, we have already notified that school is closed to your child. If your child usually travels to school via other means, please inform the provider accordingly.

School will re-open on Friday 3rd March 2023 for your child.

In accordance with strike regulations, staff are not required to inform the school if they are participating in strike action. Therefore, we have had to make the difficult decision to assume the majority of our teaching staff are taking strike action.

Staff that are not participating in strike action are not authorised to cover where there is a shortage of staff due to strike action.

We would also like to remind you that it is unlawful for people who are not members of staff at the school (or their union representatives) to join a picket line. We therefore ask parents or carers or pupils to refrain from joining any picket line.

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We appreciate that any closure / partial closure may be disruptive to you, for which we apologise. We hope that you understand we have not taken these decisions lightly and had to take decisions to secure the health and safety of your child and any non-striking staff in consideration of anticipated heavily reduced numbers of staffing.

Lastly, we want to take this opportunity to reiterate that your child's education is important to all staff at Riverside Bridge School.

Yours sincerely

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