



# OLD PALACE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March when the NEU will be striking. As additional staff will be striking, on Thursday the school will only be open for children in Reception and for pupils deemed vulnerable.

## **Open Classes**

### **RB & RP**

Children should arrive by 9am and will be dismissed at 3.30pm as usual.  
Breakfast Club will remain open for these children

## **Closed Classes**

### **1D, 1O, 2B, 2H, 3H, 3G, 4D, 4T, 5K, 5M, 6W & 6Y**

Children in these classes should not come to school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:

## **Vulnerable Pupils**

The school will remain open for pupils who are classified as 'vulnerable'. These are SEND pupils with an EHCP and children with an allocated social worker.

These will be the same children who were invited to attend on the previous strike day. A text will be sent to these families to remind them that their child can still attend.

The NEU state that they are taking action regarding cuts in school funding, as well as for increased pay. In their campaign material, they state that according to 'Schoolcuts.org.uk, Tower Hamlets', schools in the borough are set to lose £13.7 Million in 2023-2024 in real terms. That is a cut of £359 per pupil. The NEU will be holding a rally against the cuts on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Parents are welcome to join. Those wishing to attend should assemble at Bethnal Green Gardens at 10.30am. The march will continue to Hackney Town Hall.

I apologise in advance for any disruption caused by the strike action.

Further strike action by the NEU is planned for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Yours faithfully,

Mr G. Palmer  
**Headteacher**



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