

Planned industrial action in schools in England

Information for parents and carers

The National Education Union has announced **national strike action** in schools in England on:

Wednesday 1 February

Wednesday 15 March

Thursday 16 March

As well as **regional strike action** on:

Tuesday 28 February

Northern, North West,
Yorkshire and the Humber

Wednesday 1 March

East Midlands,
Western and Eastern

Thursday 2 March

London, South East
and South West

If strike action goes ahead, school leaders or the local authority that manages the school will do all they can to keep the school open for as many pupils as possible.

In some schools there may be little or no impact from strike action but in others it may mean some changes. For example, lessons might be taught by other staff members or classes merged. Some schools may need to close or restrict attendance for some pupils.

Your child's headteacher or school leader will communicate with you about the impact on the school and whether your child can attend on strike days. This is likely to be shortly before any strike action goes ahead.

We have asked schools to prioritise vulnerable children, children of critical workers and those taking exams or formal assessments this year when making decisions about who can attend on planned strike days.

Unless your child's school is closed or restricting attendance for your child, you should still send your children to school unless they are unwell.

If your child's school is closed or restricting attendance for your child, you are entitled to time off to look after them. Your employer may pay you for this time off but they don't have to. You should check your contract, company handbook or intranet site to see your employer's policy on this.

More information for parents and carers
is available at: [educationhub.blog.gov.uk](https://www.educationhub.blog.gov.uk)

