

17th March 2023

Possible Bus Strikes – Monday 20th March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware of the [possibility of strikes by bus drivers](#) across Birmingham as part of an ongoing pay dispute. If an agreement cannot be reached beforehand, these strikes will start on Monday 20th March 2023.

We have explored the possibility of securing a shuttle bus this week as a contingency but there is no availability locally from different companies due to driver shortages. We are still exploring some solutions and I may be able to update you more shortly.

We hope that the pay dispute will be settled before then, however, if it is not and your child usually catches the bus to school, this may mean **you will need to make alternative arrangements** for them to get to and from school.

As the nights are now lighter, some students may decide to walk to and from school together; we know that families also do work together to provide lifts for their children to and from school so this may also be an opportunity to do this. This collaboration is one of our strengths.

It is important to [stay updated with news from NX Bus](#) and we will also send text alerts with the latest information over the weekend and if we are in a position to support in any way.

I must advise, however, that it is **parents' statutory responsibility to make sure their child attends school everyday on time** and travel plans may need adjusting and arrangements put into place as any absence will be treated as unauthorised.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr J Barton – Headteacher