



MEDIA RELEASE CONCERNING LIKELY INDUSTRIAL ACTION IN CUMBRIAN SCHOOLS

Some of the Education Unions have voted to take industrial action and the NEU, the largest one has balloted members who have voted to take industrial action in England and Wales. Education colleagues in Scotland have been taking industrial action already. The reasons for the industrial action have been documented elsewhere by the Education unions in the media.

Schools in Cumbria will be affected by this decision and the resulting strike action. The dates of the strikes currently planned affecting Cumbrian schools are, February 1st, when all schools in England and Wales will be affected, February 28th, when schools in the North of England, Yorkshire and Humber regions will be affected and the 15th and 16th March, when all schools in England and Wales will be affected.

Each school will be affected differently as only one of the teaching unions is currently taking action. Headteachers and Governors will have to make decisions about how their schools will be impacted based on their ability to keep children safe in school that day. It is possible that the impact will lead to some partial or full school closures. Any decision will not be taken lightly and the Headteachers will have carried out a detailed risk assessment before coming to their decisions.

CASH (The Cumbria Association of Secondary Headteachers) and Cumbria PHA (The Primary Headteachers' Association) hope that the community and parents will understand the context of this industrial action and these very challenging times for all of us.

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