

25th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Industrial strike action update – Thursday 27th April 2023

As you will be aware from my letter last week, the National Education Union (NEU), has given notice of industrial action planned for **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023**. Whilst we hope that the dispute can be resolved through national negotiation, it seems most likely at this point that both strike days will go ahead. I have been considering what impact the strike will have on our school, should it go ahead. We recognise how important it is for you to be able to make plans in advance. In order to give you some advanced notice of class closures, NEU members have shared their intentions for Thursday 27th April ahead of this day. I will update you again on Friday about the expected impact on Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

Should the planned strike go ahead, classes 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 11, will be closed on Thursday 27th April 2023. All other classes will run as normal. Breakfast club and afterschool clubs will run for the open classes.

We have prioritised some additional children for a place in school. We have also been able to support some front line, critical workers, by offering a limited number of places to those who had responded by the deadline on Monday morning and who met the criteria advised by the local authority. These parents and carers will be notified by email confirming that their children should attend school in the event that their child's class is closed on Thursday 27th April or 2nd May 2023.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time.

Ben Tull
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