

26th June 2023

Dear Families,

You may be aware that the NEU has announced another 2 days of strike action before the end of term. The other unions have currently gone back to ballot which means that at present teachers from other unions do not have the opportunity to take strike action.

I am writing to confirm the classes that are currently set to be closed on **Wednesday 5th July 2023 and Friday 7th July 2023** for the additional two days of industrial action in schools announced recently.

*Classes closed for industrial action on **Friday 7th July 2023**:*

Kingfishers class
Nightingales class
SENDCO

All other classes remain open currently, but teachers do reserve the right to change their mind on the day. There is a special code to use for those children whose classes are closed. This will not affect their attendance figures.

I thank you all for supporting our teachers. There is much debate in the press about why these strikes are taking place and the simple reason behind teacher's decisions is the chronic underfunding of schools. Teacher pay is one of the symptoms of this underfunding, but there are many others. The decisions made by our teachers is overwhelmingly difficult, but their common goal is to improve the quality of provision schools can offer their pupils.

We do understand that classes being closed means additional pressure on you as parents and we have been blown away by messages of support for our teachers taking action on this date. Our teachers have been very generous informing me of their actions in advance, they do not have to do this, but it has enabled you to make arrangements where necessary.

Teachers do still have the right to take action and change their minds so I will email you all before each strike day to confirm the classes as they may differ each time.

Thank you all.

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