



Thursday 29th June 2023

Industrial Action Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to my previous email regarding planned industrial action by NEU members on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July, I am writing to confirm arrangements for those days.

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay and conditions, ensuring that salary increases are fully funded by Government rather than coming from existing school budget allocations. Teachers are not taking industrial action because of any issues at our school. As you are aware, there are several different teaching unions but currently it is only the NEU members that have the mandate to strike

I have consulted with our teaching staff and, currently, I am not aware that the strike will impact us on Wednesday 5th July or Friday 7th July. Staff are not obliged to give an indication of their intention to take industrial action; therefore, if this changes at all, I will inform you.

The aim is for school to remain fully open on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July.

However, many of our staff are parents themselves and there might be an indirect impact of these staff not being able to attend work due to their childcare issues. Currently, I am not in the position to share with you the impact of any staff absence due to childcare issues. As usual, I will try and ensure this has limited impact on provision but I will always have to ensure the health and safety of the children.

If circumstances change, I will contact you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding with this matter.

Kind regards,

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