

Impact of Industrial Action by NEU

Dear Parents and Carers,

Previously we informed you of the looming industrial action by one of the teaching unions – NEU. The industrial action is in protest at the lack of school funding and teacher pay. I wanted to update you on the current position and any potential impact for next week.

Teachers do not have to inform us if they wish to take industrial action. However, we have been very lucky that our teachers have let us know what their intentions are so that we could plan and minimise impact on your child. I am sure you join me in thanking them. Teachers have informed me of their intentions, and I have set out below what this means for the opening of school.

A number of teachers will be taking industrial action. We have tried to cover if we can, but the following classes will be closed on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Children in the following classes will not be in school on these dates:

- Puffin class
- Kingfisher Class

All parents will need to consider that teachers reserve the right to change their mind and may decide to tell us on the morning of the strike. There may be teachers who decided not to tell us in advance if they are taking action. I would urge you to have a plan for the proposed strike days in the event of your child's teacher exercising their right to inform us of strike action the day, rather than in advance.

I would also like to remind you that due to the nature of industrial action teachers would not be providing online learning.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, and Universal Free School Meals because they are in YR to Y2 then you will be able to order a packed lunch to collect on the day, if your child's class is closed. If you would like to take the option of collecting a packed lunch on the day, please contact Mrs Cogdell by Monday 24th April.

For Key Worker parents, if your child's class is closed & you are unable to find childcare on these days it is possible to book a key worker place for them at school. Again, please contact Mrs Cogdell by Monday 24th April to book any places.

Thank you for understanding.

Kindest regards,



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