



BURLINGTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you about 2 matters. The first is to make you aware of the Emergency Alert test on Sunday. More information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/one-week-to-go-until-uk-emergency-alerts-test>

You may want to let children, elderly or vulnerable family members know that their mobile phone device will vibrate and make a noise for 10 seconds at 3pm on Sunday April 23rd. If they would prefer to turn the alert off then you can find out how to here:

Iphone guide to opting out [here](#) .

Android guide to opting out is [here](#)

The second matter I need to update you on is regarding the next 2 days of proposed industrial action.

You will be aware from the news that the National Education Union (NEU) has announced some further proposed strike days on:

- Thursday 27th April
- Tuesday 2nd May

The NEU has asked its members to strike as part of their on going campaign for a fully funded, above inflation pay rise. Recruitment and retention of teachers has been an ongoing struggle over the years for school leaders as teachers continue to leave the profession. In addition, any pay awards that have been given have not been fully funded, which means schools are now facing a budget crisis which impacts directly on how a school can adequately fund, for example, teaching assistants and resources and equipment to support pupils and their learning.

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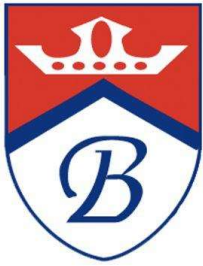


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On Thursday 27th April ONLY the following classes will be in school:

Kusama

Riley

Goodall

Tesla

On Tuesday 2nd May only **Goodall** class will be in school

All other classes will not be open.

Children in receipt of free school meals (who are not in school) will be issued with a voucher for each strike day. For children in school, a hot lunch will be available if booked, but will not be the published meal choice. Acorns will only be available for children in school and a credit note will be issued to all other families. There will be no after school clubs on either strike day if they are run by a striking teacher. These clubs will be made up at a later date in the term. Techno Kids will take place on Thursday 27th April and Just for Kicks will take place on Tuesday 2nd May and children will need to arrive at the main front door (in their PE kits for Just for Kicks) at 3.25pm and collected in the normal way.

When a teacher is on strike, that teacher's class will be closed and no educational provision will be made for the children. However there are [learning links](#) on our [website](#) for children to access if they are not in school due to strike action.

Schools locally will have varying numbers of NEU members, therefore the impact of the strikes will differ from school to school. If the strikes go ahead, we appreciate that this will cause disruption to our families although there is also the possibility that, through ongoing negotiations, the strikes may not take place. Should a settlement between teaching unions and the Government be reached, I will of course keep you informed.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Pip Utting
Headteacher