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Wednesday 28th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL ACTION

You will be aware from school communications that the NEU teaching union has called for more strikes. These fall on 5th and 7th July.

The NEU has asked its members to strike as part of a 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.

On Wednesday 5th July ONLY the following classes will be in school:

Goodall

Tesla

Riley

I am still awaiting confirmation on Kusama Class and will update you in due course.

All other classes will not be open.

On Friday 7th July ONLY the following classes will be in school:

Goodall

Tesla

I am still awaiting confirmation on Kusama Class and will update you in due course.

Children in receipt of free school meals (who are not in school) will be issued with a food 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 be writing to parents in a separate communication. There will be no after school clubs that day.

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It is important to differentiate between previous arrangements for school closure (e.g. lockdown) and these proposed strike days. Unlike lockdown, when classes were covered by other staff, for the purpose of a strike day there will be no arrangements in place to cover the class of a teacher who has chosen to strike.

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.

I will continue to update all members of the school community as and when new information becomes available regarding the upcoming strike days.

Yours faithfully,

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