



# 'Educating For Life In All Its Fullness'

18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## Strike Action by Members of the National Education Union

Dear Parents,

All four unions involved in the current pay and funding dispute, the National Education Union (NEU), the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT), the NASUWT, and the Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL), have rejected the latest offer by the Department for Education. This rejection is both because of the levels of pay increase offered, but also because of the fact that it is not fully funded by the government, meaning potential additional cuts in schools.

Currently only members of the NEU are taking strike action, but other unions are considering balloting members. The next planned strike dates for this area by members of the NEU are **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April** and **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**.

Where teachers are following union advice and taking strike action, we will not be able to cover their absence. Therefore, on these dates the following classes will be closed:

	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>Class 1</b> (Reception)	Closed all day	Closed in the morning but open in the afternoon
<b>Class 2</b> (Years 1 and 2)	Open as normal	Open as normal
<b>Class 3</b> (Years 3 and 4)	Open as normal	Closed in the morning but open in the afternoon
<b>Class 4</b> (Years 5 and 6)	Closed all day	Closed all day

Classes that are open should attend as normal. Children in Class 1 and 3 should enter school via the office door from 12.45pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May if they are attending for the afternoon session.

We regret the inconvenience that this will cause to families, and sincerely hope that, by providing notice you will be able to make alternative arrangements.

We hope that the dispute between unions and the Department for Education can be resolved, so that additional strike action by the NEU and other unions can be averted. We will keep families informed of any changes as soon as we are able.

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