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Dear Families

I am writing with an update on the strike action on the 5th and 7th July. I am sure that you are aware that all teachers were called to strike by their unions. The NEU has met legal limits with its ballot results and members are called to strike.

We are fortunate that our teachers have let us know in advance that they intend to strike. Legally they do not need to let us know until the actual day of action and I thank them for this as it gives families and the leadership team an opportunity to plan.

I understand that strike action may be a challenge for many parents who work, or who have commitments for that day. However, our teachers are hardworking and do not undertake this lightly. There has been no pay rise for many years and, as the cost of living rises their salaries devalue. In fact, many have told me that they had intended to strike but cannot afford to lose a day's salary as they are experiencing hardship themselves. Other teachers belong to unions who are being re-balloted for strike action and are therefore not legally allowed to strike at this time.

I can assure you that all teachers would rather be in the classroom, getting on with what they do best – teaching and supporting our children, but there is a real hardship due to another real-terms pay cut. Morale is low and we need to support our whole teaching community. I thank you for not approaching individuals should you not agree with their strike choice.

The next strike days are 5th and 7th July 2023 and the listed classes will be closed for the day. If you are entitled to free school meals then a packed lunch can be made available for your child. Could you let the school office know by Friday, 30th June and collect at 11am on the day.

Class	5 th July	7 th July
Year R – Blue Base	Closed	Closed
Year R – Green Base	Open	Open
Year R – Purple Base	Open	Open
Year R – Orange Base	Open	Open
1A	Open	Open
1P	Open	Open
1H	Closed	Closed



1M	Open	Open
2KM	Open	Open
2BH	Open	Closed
2M	Open	Open
2H	Open	Open
3Ch	Open	Open
3W	Open	Closed
3P	Open	Open
3GH	Open	Open
4S	Open	Open
4M	Open	Closed
4CH	Open	Closed
4P	Open	Closed
5P	Open	Closed
5W	Open	Closed
5S	Open	Closed
6T	Closed	Open
6Q	Open	Open
6S	Closed	Closed
6H	Closed	Closed

Thank you once again for your support.

Many thanks



Mrs Montague
Executive Headteacher