

Ogether we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us

20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## **Re: Planned Strike Action at Christ Church Primary School**

## Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you about forthcoming strike action by the National Education Union (NEU), one of the main teaching trade unions. Currently, the strike action is expected to take place next Thursday and the following Tuesday. Teachers in the NEU have made very difficult decisions regarding their intention to strike or not. This means that those teachers involved in the action will not teach their class or undertake any other duties on a strike day.

Following information from staff we have considered the impact that the action will have on our school. In planning, we have needed to consider the health and safety of pupils, staff and visitors, and whether the school can run a full or amended curriculum, to determine whether it is possible to operate the school safely during the strike.

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	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Family support
Class 9	Y4 Residential as planned	Class closed	Pastoral support will be
Class 10	Y4 Residential as planned	Class closed	available for vulnerable
Class 11	Class closed	Class closed	pupils or families who are
Class 12	Class closed	Class closed	significantly impacted. If you would like to ask about
Nurture	Class will be open for pastora	Class will be open for pastoral support from familiar adults	

## Arrangements for classes:

- All other pupils will be in school as normal.
- If your child attends a class that is closing and they are entitled to Free School Meals, we can provide a packed lunch for them; please contact the school office by email to request this.

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption. If your child or family will be significantly impacted by closures, please get in touch with the school office and we can arrange pastoral support in school.

Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the days that they are on strike. Teachers are striking for fair pay that is government funded and improved conditions for schools. As stated previously, every child's education is important to every member of staff at Christ Church. We hope that by putting in place these contingency plans we can support children to the best of our abilities.

Yours sincerely, Amanda Donelan Headteacher

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