



Christ Church Primary School



Together we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us

Tuesday 27th June 2023

**Re: Planned Strike Action at Christ Church Primary School
Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 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. Teachers in the NEU have made 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 or be paid on a strike day.

We realise that strike action causes families disruption, but would ask for your support as teachers do not take this decision lightly and are striking for fair pay as well as improved school funding that matches inflation. Clearly this is a difficult situation; if your child or family will be significantly impacted by closures, please get in touch with the school office and we can arrange for pastoral support in school.

Arrangements for classes:

	Wednesday 5th July	Friday 7th July	Family support
Class 11	Class closed	Class closed	Pastoral support will be available for vulnerable pupils or families who are significantly impacted. If you would like to ask about pastoral support please contact the school office and speak with Mrs Baker
Class 12	Class closed	Class closed	
Class 13	Class closed	Class closed	
Class 14	Class closed	Class closed	
Nurture	Class will be open with Mrs Whittle & Miss Quinn		

- **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.**
- **Please make sure your child is in school on Thursday 6th for their visit to their new class.**

This year our school has seen increases in items such as food, electricity, gas, water and resources costs as well as staffing increases. The total additional cost to Christ Church for the past academic year stretched into tens of thousands, whilst additional government funding fell far short of these costs. Obviously this causes great concern for Governors and for me as Headteacher, as we work together with CDAT to find ways of continuing our outstanding provision for pupils with less school income and greater costs, as current finances just aren't sustainable.

Every child's education is important to every member of staff at Christ Church. We hope that by putting in place contingency plans we can support children to the best of our abilities.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Donelan
Headteacher