

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: National Education Union (NEU) Teacher Strike Action

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, further industrial strike action will be taking place on **Thursday 2nd March**. In my previous letter, we notified you that **Year 4 will be closed to the pupils** on Thursday 2nd March. This remains the case.

We also mentioned that we may need to close other classes at shorter notice. **Please note that Year 2 will also be closed to pupils on Thursday 2nd March due to industrial strike action.** We are unable to provide online learning on these dates due to the number of staff absences and the fact that we are not legally allowed to ask staff participating in industrial action to provide learning for those days.

Staff are not required to notify us of their intention to take strike action so I appreciate the fact that our staff have provided us with details in advance so that we can all plan ahead.

Whilst we have been able to put contingency plans in place for some staff absences, these plans are based on the current information and resources available to us. However, please be aware that we have no capacity to cover further staff absences on those days if any arise, which may result in some classes having to close at shorter notice; we will endeavour to avoid this and will let you know as soon as possible - this will always be a last resort for us. If we do have to close further classes, it will be because we have been unable to cover the volume of staff absences to ensure a safe ratio of adults to children, when taking into account safe supervision of children and Health and Safety/Safeguarding.

Unless you hear otherwise via text, we will be open as usual to Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 on Thursday 2nd March.

Kind regards,
Steph Jenkins
Headteacher

