

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 may be aware, further industrial strike action from NEU members will be taking place on **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May**. We have staff, who are members of the NEU and who have balloted to strike on these dates, which will impact teaching provision in a number of classes.

Thursday 27th April: Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 will be closed due to Industrial Strike Action.

Tuesday 2nd May: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be closed 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.

Financially, the school is unable to provide supply cover for these classes, which is why we have had to close. However, as advised and as a result of Year 6 due to take their SATS very soon, we have put provisions in place to cover Year 6 using capacity of staff already in school that day. This may mean that children attending school will have a different teacher. 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.

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.





Unless you hear otherwise via text, we will be open as usual to Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 on Thursday 27th April and Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 on Tuesday 2nd May.

Kind regards,
Steph Jenkins
Headteacher

