



## 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 know, one of the largest teaching unions, the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to take additional industrial strike action on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. We have staff who are members of the NEU and who have balloted to strike on these dates, which will impact teaching provision.

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, the school will be open to Year 2 and Year 5. All other classes will be closed.

On Friday 7th July, the school will be closed to all pupils.

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.

These plans are based on the current information and resources available to us. However, on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 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, as we have had to do on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 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 to Year 2 and Year 5 only on Wednesday  $5^{th}$  July and closed to all pupils on Friday  $7^{th}$  July.

Kind regards, Steph Jenkins Headteacher













