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## INDUSTRIAL ACTION UPDATE - 27th April & 2nd May

Dear Parents and Families,

Further to the recent publicity in the media that the National Education Union (NEU) representing teachers have conducted a ballot to their members and have voted to take industrial action.

The next dates for industrial action to take place has been confirmed as:

- 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

The disruption created by this strike, and the need to have regard to the health and safety of pupils, have caused our school's leaders to decide whether or not to remain open to pupils.

We have reviewed the information we have from NEU members and, whilst it has been necessary to consider closure and changes to our provision, we are able to remain open because we are satisfied there is no risk to pupils' welfare.

## The school will be open as usual.

Please be aware that we are not able to ask teachers to cover other teachers taking industrial action and teachers do not have to inform leaders if they intend to strike. The teachers at Willow have ensured leaders have this information so that appropriate decisions can be made and I'm grateful to them for providing this information.

I must make you aware that for each strike day the situation will be reconsidered and there are further strike dates being suggested for June and July. Up to now, we have managed to maintain education for every child on the strike days however this might not always be the case.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs D Sumner Principal

