

29th June 2023

INDUSTRIAL ACTION UPDATE – 5th and 7th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 about school funding, pay and conditions.

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

- 5th July 2023
- 7th July 2023

The disruption created by this strike, and the need to have regard to the health and safety of pupils has 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 on this occasion we will have to close one class in the school.

Up until now we have been able to cover the strike days with other staff members in school but this is no longer possible for these dates. **This will mean that on 5th and 7th July, the Year 6 Foxes Class will be closed. All other classes will be expected to attend school as normal.**

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 Autumn Term.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs D Sumner
Principal