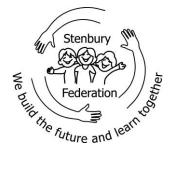


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National Education Union (NEU) Strike action on Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are currently preparing for the potential strike action next week.

Many of our teaching staff are part of the NEU and have indicated that they will be taking part in the industrial action.

We need to consider health & safety aspects of reduced staff capacity, including adequate supervision, necessary first aid cover and the required safeguarding provision. With that, we will only be able to open our Nursery fully.

The rest of the school will only be open for Key Worker families or vulnerable children. Our support staff and remaining teachers will be deployed to provide learning activities for these children.

The criteria for vulnerable children are:

Any child on the SEN register Any child with an EHCP Any child that has a social worker assigned to them Any child in care, fostered or adopted

The criteria for key worker children are anyone who works in:

Health & Social Care Education & childcare Public services





Local/National government Food and other necessary goods Public safety & national security Transport Utilities

Afterschool club and breakfast club will still be available, if required, for Key worker families and vulnerable children only.

The expectation is that all other children will remain at home.

Whilst this is disruptive, the industrial action across the country is in support of all staff that work in education.

The attached poster sets out why teachers are striking.

If you need any further information, please contact the school office.

Regards

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Mr Snow

A message to parents and carers

Why are teachers going on strike?

TEACHERS WHO ARE members of the National Education Union (NEU) will be taking national strike action on Wednesday 1st February.

We do not want to strike, but the government have given us no choice. We are striking for education and we hope you will support us, despite the inconvenience it will cause.

We are taking strike action because we are concerned that cuts to teachers' pay, and lack of funding for schools, are causing a crisis in education.

 The value of teachers and support staff pay has fallen by 20% since 2010.
This has caused a crisis in recruitment and retention.

More teachers, and school leaders, than ever are leaving their jobs and

the government cannot recruit enough teachers to replace them. Funding for schools has not kept in line with rising costs.

- This means that:
- many schools face difficulties finding the teachers they need;
- SEND children are not getting the support they need;
- Schools are spending less on important equipment and resources;
- schools are cutting back on extracurricular clubs and classes.

This cannot go on, for the sake of education the government must change its policy on pay and funding.

We have tried talking to the government - we have provided evidence about this crisis to them year after year, but they have ignored our warnings.

That is why we have reluctantly made the decision to take strike action.

We are calling on the government to increase pay for teachers and support staff, but they must also increase funding for schools.

We are asking parents and carers to:

support our strike action and our campaign to boost funding for education.

 talk to teachers at your child's school to find out more about our campaign and how you can support us.
contact your MP and local councillors and tell them that you support NEU members taking strike action.



Campaigning for children and education

For more information visit www.neu.org.uk