



CANFORD HEATH INFANT and JUNIOR SCHOOLS

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Wednesday 28th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

NEU Strike Action – Wednesday 5th July 2023 and Friday 7th July 2023

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As you will be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has balloted its' members and has proposed two further strike days for eligible teachers this term. The dates for this industrial action are on Wednesday 5th July 2023 and Friday 7th July 2023. We have had a number of responses from teachers as to who intends to take part in this industrial action, and have spent time looking at the school structure, staffing levels and how the school can run safely and effectively on this day, accounting for the numbers of teachers who intend to take part in the strike.

Obviously, these plans may be subject to change, as additional staff may also need to be off, if their own child cannot attend school due to the strike action. As soon as we know any additional changes we will, of course, keep you updated further.

Where teachers are not taking part in industrial action, we intend to keep the classes open. We have prioritised the spare cover in the school to cover classes where the teacher is not attending due to their own childcare issues and/or to support the attendance of our most vulnerable children.

The classes which will remain open on Wednesday 5th July 2023 are currently:

Butterflies, Tigers and Lions – these children are still expected to attend school.

All other classes will be closed, and your child will not be able to attend that day.

The classes which will remain open on Friday 7th July 2023 are currently:

Butterflies, Hedgehogs, Leopards, Panthers and Lions – these children are still expected to attend school.

All other classes will be closed, and your child will not be able to attend that day.



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In addition to the classes above, we will also be contacting some individual families to ask their child to attend on this date, and they will be taught and supervised by other members of staff whilst their class teacher is off. This might be to join an open class or to be taught by an HLTA.

If your child is being offered one of these exceptional places, we will contact you by 3pm on Friday to let you know. Please do not contact the office to request a place for your child as we will be unable to accommodate your request at this time.

Please know that, for many of the teachers, this was a particularly difficult decision, as they are extremely torn between wanting to stand up for the lack of funding for pay and for schools themselves to support any pay increases, and wanting to be there to teach and care for their pupils, your children.

*We hope you will understand that we have not taken the decision lightly to ask some classes to stay at home and only after careful consideration of the risks to our children. **If there are any changes, we will of course let you know.***

With thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Kind regards,



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