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Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: NEU Strike Closure Days, Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

### **Partial Closure of Wildmoor Heath School**

I am writing to advise you of the potential impact of the forthcoming NEU industrial action strike day on Wildmoor Heath School operations on **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**.

**All classes will operate as normal on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023.** This is our Transition Day, where all the children will meet their new teacher. Edgbarrow has confirmed that their school will remain open for transition of the Year 6s to Year 7.

It is highly likely that we will have a **partial school closure on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**, so it is important for you to put in place suitable contingency care plans for your child. The partial closure would affect **Years 3 and 5** with both classes not coming into school. All other year groups, including Reception, will operate as usual. The table below summarises

YEAR GROUP	WEDNESDAY, 5 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	FRIDAY, 7 <sup>TH</sup> JULY
Reception	All year groups in school as usual for Transition Day to meet their new teachers.	Normal day
Year 1		Normal day
Year 2		Normal day
Year 3		<b>Year 3 not in school</b>
Year 4		Normal day
Year 5		<b>Year 5 not in school</b>
Year 6		Normal day

### **Background**

A further ballot of The National Education Union (NEU) teacher members met the threshold required to continue the industrial action related to pay and conditions. NEU teachers will have the option to strike; this is because of a national dispute between teaching unions and the Government over teachers' pay and not because of any issues with our school or GLT.

### **Impact on Wildmoor Heath School**

We anticipate a partial closure of the school on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023, as shown above. As teachers are not obliged to confirm their intention until the morning of the strike, it is difficult to manage in advance. **If any other teachers advise us that they intend to work that day, the school will**

**send out an email at 7:45am on the mornings of Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 that your child's class is open for usual curricular activity.** If you do not receive this email for your child's class, then you should assume that there is no class teaching that day and continue with your contingency care plans.

### **Priority Groups**

We have compiled a Risk Assessment, having reviewed carefully both government guidance and our available staffing. Throughout we have put the health and safety of our pupils first and foremost. A few priority groups of pupils from Years 3 and 5 will be invited to school to be supported on a non-curriculum activity day on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. We are writing separately to parents and carers to advise which pupils are expected to be in school that day.

These groups are:

- Vulnerable children;
- Children who currently hold an EHCP (Education and Health Care Plan);
- Children of staff who will be working in school that day;

Due to limited staffing and to ensure the health and safety of those in school, we are unable to accept Critical Workers' children or indeed other pupils.

### **School Meals on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

If your child has a free school meal or would like to book a school lunch, these will be provided as usual and there will be a choice. All children should come to school in school uniform, bringing a change of clothes for outdoor activities.

### **Work for Children Not in School**

For those children who are not in school, teachers taking industrial action are not expected to plan lessons or to set work. As a school, we recommend that your child accesses learning through the following excellent educational website links, which have extensive primary phase education resources covering all subjects and year groups:

Oak National Academy

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage>

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

We would also recommend that children use their personal log-ins to access:

- Times Tables Rockstars Numb Bots for the younger children to practise times tables (especially important for Year 4 who will have their national Multiplication Times Tables Check in May 2023.)
- Num Bots for KS1 children to practise number bonds;
- Spelling Shed for spelling practice;
- Purple Mash for computing, drawing, writing, etc.

Please also support your child with some extra reading and discussion about their book.

I regret any disruption to your child's education and fully appreciate the potential disruption for families. May I ask that you avoid challenging staff on this plan and that we all continue to treat each other with professional courtesy, understanding and respect.

Thank you and best regards,



Mrs L Semper  
Headteacher