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26th June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Partial School Closure

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action.

The strikes will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

The strike is happening in result of a national dispute between the union and the government over pay and funding, and not because of any issues at any of our schools or Trust.

Unfortunately, we will have to ask **Nursery and Reception (Class 1), stay at home on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023** as we have insufficient staffing levels due to strike action. This is not a decision we take lightly but the safety of our pupils is paramount.

**On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, the full school will be closed to all pupils due to a staff training day.**

Those pupils in receipt of FSM and pupils receiving Universal Free School Meals in Reception will still be able to collect a packed lunch from reception from 11am. A form will be sent out so that you can indicate if you would like to collect lunch on these strike days.

I understand that this situation may be frustrating and apologise for any potential disruption caused.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

L Ashton  
Executive Headteacher