

ST MARK'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Headteacher: Ms Laura Kelsey BA (Hons), PGCE, CEPQH

Monday, June 19, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: School closure for children due to Strike Action 5th & 7th July

We have been informed by the National Education Union (NEU) that they are calling on their members to strike again on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. All our teachers are members of this union and they have informed me that they intend to strike on those days therefore the school will be closed to all children on 5th & 7th July.

We understand that the strikes do have an impact on families and children. As I wrote to you before, the staff feel they must stand up for the lack of funding that is affecting all schools and children. The Education Secretary has refused to re-enter negotiations or release the report received by the STRB which is the independent body which reviews and makes recommendation for teachers pay so the NEU stated they feel they have no option but continue to call for these strikes.

We wanted to give you as much notice as possible of these days so have sent this letter out as soon as possible but I will contact you if things change at all.

Break the rules day was due to take place on Friday 7th July so we are moving this to Monday 17th July.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Laura Kelsey', written in a cursive style.

Laura Kelsey
Headteacher