

Monday 17th April 2023

Dear parents/carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU have declared strike action, which is planned to take place on the following days:

- **Thursday 27th April 2023**
- **Tuesday 2nd May 2023**

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the union and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

I am getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May**. Based on the information I have at present, and unless an agreement is reached which results in the industrial action being called off, the school will try its best to stay open to all classes.

Please be mindful that some teachers may not communicate their intent to strike until the day itself, so there is a chance that I may have to make class closures on the day. **This advance warning will give you time to try and find alternative childcare for the days if your child's class is closed.**

Here are some answers to questions you may have:

What do my children do at home if their class is closed?

We will provide work for the pupils in Y1-Y6 via their google classroom. For pupils in Reception, complete homework, practise sounds using the Read Write QR codes and read storybooks that are sent home.

What about school dinner?

If your child receives a free school meal then we will provide a hot takeaway school dinner to collect for all pupils who require one, you must inform the school office by 10am on the day and book a hot dinner for collection and we will have lunch ready for you to collect from the office between 12.00pm and 1.00pm.

What about clubs?

Breakfast club and afterschool club will run as normal. All other extra curricular clubs will go ahead as normal providing staffing is not affected. In the case staffing is affected, parents will be notified on the day via a text message.

I appreciate that this may be distressing to you and a disruption to your child's education. By giving you advance warning you will have time to get in place child care arrangements in case your child is affected. Please continue to treat all members of our school community with respect.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further. If you have any questions, please contact me via **info@cullodenacademy.org**

Kind regards



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Principal