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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen on the National news that the National Education Union (NEU) has announced two additional strike days in schools in England on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. The industrial action is a result of a national dispute between the NEU and the government and is not specific to our school. The dispute is not only about pay but about the ongoing issues of recruitment and retention, school funding and workload.

Currently these are the classes that are **OPEN** on the strike days next week are indicted in the table below.

However, the 'rules' allow staff to change their minds up to and on the day of the strike. As with previous strike days, plan for any last minute changes.

If I get further information about any changes, I will send out an update via your Studybugs app, our website and our Facebook pages. Sign up for Studybugs here:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Many of our staff are parents and their attendance here may be affected by strike action in their child's school. They will not know this until nearer the time.

Wednesday 5 th July	Friday 7 th July
Classes currently OPEN	Classes currently OPEN
Nursery PIC Mrs Ayers RRC Mrs Corps RLS Miss Symonds 1MC Miss Courtney 1BH Mrs Bartlett / Mrs Humphreys 2BR Mrs Bill / Mrs Riches 3PH Mrs Pridgeon / Miss Hall 4CT Ms Thomas 4DT Mrs Tyler 6NM Ms Metherell 6VK Ms King	Nursery PIC Mrs Ayers RRC Mrs Corps 1BH Mrs Bartlett / Mrs Humphreys 2BR Mrs Bill / Mrs Riches 3PH Mrs Pridgeon / Miss Hall 4CT Ms Thomas 4DT Mrs Tyler 6NM Ms Metherell 6VK Ms King

As with previous strike days, if your child's class is running as normal on strike day, they are required to attend as a parent's legal duty to make sure their child attends school regularly still applies.

Breakfast club and Farlington Wrap Around care – These are still open as normal.

Lunches – If your child is entitled to free school meals and their class is not in, you are welcome to drop them in at 12pm for their lunch and then collect them again at 12.45pm. This is only for free school meal children. If your child's class is closed and you wish to take this option up, you will need to book their lunch on SCOPAY the evening before. Unfortunately, you will not be able to book on the day.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ash Vaghela, Headteacher