



ALLEESTREE WOODLANDS SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the main teachers' union, NEU, have declared continued strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 2023.

The strike is happening because of an ongoing national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and national funding for education 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 these dates.

As previously, I cannot guarantee adequate supervision to safeguard pupils on site so we need to make adjustments to what we can offer, and we will not be able to run the usual school day. This means that we will be **closed to all year groups on 5th & 7th July.**

As before, we will run a supervised provision for vulnerable learners, and we will be in touch about this with affected families as we have done ahead of the other strike days. Taught lessons will not take place in this provision.

All students not at school but eligible for free school meals will receive a voucher to cover the cost of a meal as a replacement for lunch at school; details will be sent to families in due course.

During the day of strike action, students will be able to access learning activities via Satchel and Teams.

I understand that this ongoing situation may be challenging and frustrating for families. I do, however, ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation. In the event of the dispute being resolved and the strike action called off, we will open as usual. If this happens, I will be in touch to update you immediately.

For further information on the reasons for strike action, or to find out how you can support, please use this link:

<https://neu.org.uk/media/24661/view>

Kind regards,

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