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RE: National Education Union Strike Action arranged for Wednesday 5th July & Friday 7th July 2023

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for our school due to the National Education Union (NEU) planned strike action for Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 2023.

As you will know, there are a number of members of the National Education Union amongst our staff team, and as a Union they have voted to strike in dispute with the government. I hope you realise that the decision to strike is not something that any adult in school would take lightly and results in a significant loss in salary for those staff on strike. The action represents the force of feeling from NEU members about the current conditions for staff working in schools in England and the lack of response from the Government to the concerns which teachers have raised. Staff members who are not members of the NEU do not have the option to strike at the present time, although other unions have now balloted for future strike action.

On Wednesday 5th July, we traditionally use this day for children to meet their next class teacher. As a result of this, NEU Staff have decided that Wednesday 5th July there will be no classes closed due to strike action.

As a result of the National strike action, only **2W** will be totally closed on Friday 7th July, but all other classes will be open as normal for the school day. **Please note that there are significant changes to the previous strike action days, so check the tables below carefully.**

Wednesday 5th July 2023:

No class at Woodhouse is closed	All classes are in school and should attend as normal on Wednesday 5 th July.
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Friday 7th July 2023:

Class is closed due to NEU strike action. Children should not attend on Friday 7 th July.	Class is unaffected by the NEU strike action. Children should attend as usual on Friday 7 th July.
2W only	All other classes



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If your child's class is closed, they will not be able to attend on that day. As previously stated, absence due to a class being closed for a strike day is not counted for your child's attendance, so they will not be penalised. Children not in school due to the strike action can access learning from: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage> and for those children eligible for a Free School Meal, we will provide a pre-ordered lunch for collection from school at 12pm on the 7th July, as before. If you would like to book a packed lunch please email enquiries@whp.greenheartlearning.org by 12pm on Monday 3rd July.

BASC is unaffected, and will be in operation as usual. If you do not need BASC because your child is unable to attend due to the strike action, I will arrange for an appropriate credit to be made for your booking on this day. If you pay for school lunches, you will not be charged for a school meal that is not taken on this day. School will be open – so if there are any problems on the day, please do not hesitate to contact us as usual.

As things currently stand, these strike dates are going ahead. Of course, as soon as I know any more or that there will be any differences, I will let you know.

Yours sincerely,



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