



## TADDINGTON & PRIESTCLIFFE C OF E (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that The National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which is scheduled to take place on the following four dates in our region: February 1<sup>st</sup> 2023; March 1<sup>st</sup> 2023; March 15<sup>th</sup> 2023; March 16<sup>th</sup> 2023. **Members of the NEU at Taddington and Priestcliffe Primary School have decided to strike on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 only at this point.**

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

**I'm sorry to inform you that Taddington will be closed on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 for all children in Reception, Key Stage 1 (year 1 and 2) and for children in Miss Lingard's year 3/4 class. Our Y5 and Y6 class will remain open during the morning session (until 12:00pm). We are asking you not to send your child into school on this day if they are in the affected classes.**

There are a number of teaching unions in England and the NEU is currently the only union with confirmed strike action. This is the reason for not all teachers being on strike on the above day.

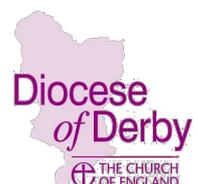
The NEU members at Taddington would like parents and carers to be aware that the reason they are taking industrial action is the **lack of adequate funding for schools**.

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and feel that we would be unable to provide this for all children with the staff we have available.

**On the above day of action, we will be offering a minimal childcare service for children in the affected classes and for families who have parents who are critical workers, are at work on the specific days and have no other childcare options. If you qualify for a childcare place, as defined above, please complete the following form by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023. <https://forms.gle/ENdczB6vctWqRNxN7>**

Parents and carers are directed to the Oak National Academy for opportunities for ongoing learning during the class closure day. For children in KS2 (Y3-6), please follow this link: [All subjects - Key Stage 2 - Oak National Academy \(thenational.academy\)](https://www.thenational.academy/) and children will be aware of topics covered in class for consolidation at home. For Y1 children, please follow this link: [All subjects - Key Stage 1 - Oak National Academy \(thenational.academy\)](https://www.thenational.academy/) Children also have access to our usual online tasks and activities, including Doodle and TT Rockstars.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child and that they will experience disruption to their education but we have aimed to provide as much notice as possible, given the time taken for the situation



to be assessed. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Please note: this is a national dispute and not specific to Taddington and Priestcliffe Primary School.

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 further questions, please contact me in school.

Kind regards,

Mr J Handley

Executive Headteacher