

Executive Principals: Mr M J Roberts & Ms L D Sampson

Dear Parents and Carers,

Strike action by members of the NEU on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023

We are writing to inform you about strike action that is being taken by members of the National Education Union on **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May** and to advise you about arrangements for Ecclesbourne Primary School on those days.

Teachers and senior leaders who are members of the NEU may be on strike and the majority of classes at **Ecclesbourne Primary School may be closed.** Our NEU reps have told us that although they informed us before the March strike days about which teachers were taking action they will not be doing the same this time, as they are perfectly entitled to do under the law. Leaders in schools can ASK staff about their intentions but they do not have to tell us. You will see below that classes are now listed under three categories – 'Open', 'Closed' and 'Undeclared'. **Parents in classes where staff have not declared what they are doing should not make any assumptions about the class being open and should have other arrangements in place for their child's care on those days.**

Nursery (Sun and Moon)	Undeclared
Stars	Undeclared
Rockets	Undeclared
Shooting Stars	Undeclared
Astronauts	Undeclared
Satellites	Undeclared
Shuttles	CLOSED
Asteroids	Undeclared
Meteors	Undeclared
Planets	Undeclared
Comets	Undeclared
Saturn	Undeclared
Venus	Undeclared
Jupiter	Undeclared
Mars	Undeclared

On the days of strike action, we will text parents at 8.30am to declare if a class is open or not. Please note there is no breakfast or after school club facility on these strike days. The school kitchen will be able to provide packed lunch meals for children in years Reception and years 1 and 2 as well as all children eligible for free school meals where they have been requested in advance (by Tuesday). These will be available for collection on Wednesday.

We apologise unreservedly for the inconvenience this may cause many of you, and have endeavoured to inform you as early as possible so that you can make child care arrangements for the day.

We hope that you will appreciate that this a national dispute that cannot be resolved by staff on site. We know that teachers do not take strike action lightly and we all hope that this dispute can be properly resolved as quickly as possible so that there are no further disruptions to the education of the children at our school. We will update you on the arrangements for any subsequent strike action in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Robins Head of School



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