



THE PEGASUS ACADEMY TRUST



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 Brigstock on those days.

Teachers and senior leaders who are members of the NEU may be on strike and the majority of classes at Brigstock 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. In the table below classes will now be 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.

Whitehorse Manor Schools-Brigstock Site
Willow Class (Reception) – Undeclared
Rowan Class (Yr1) – Undeclared
Ash Class (Yr2) – Undeclared
Elm class (Yr3) – Undeclared
Sycamore Class (Yr4) – Undeclared
Chestnut Class (Yr5) – Undeclared
Oak Class (Yr6) – Undeclared

On the days of strike action, we will text parents at 8.30am to declare if a class is open. **If you do not** receive a text message, then your child’s class is closed.

If you have paid for wrap around care or activity clubs through the Pegasus Children’s Club this will be refunded to you. Breakfast Club will be closed on the strike days. However, After School Club will still operate for those classes that are open on the strike days.

On the day of the strike, the school kitchen will still be open 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 in the juniors. In order not to waste food, please inform us by the end of the school day of Monday 24th, if you wish to collect a packed lunch on the Thursday (collection after 11am). Children in school will be provided with a meal as usual.

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, for all strike action updates please follow this link to the Pegasus website <https://www.pegasusacademytrust.org/news/ecclesbourne-primary-school/latest-information-on-neu-strike-vote>

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Hall – Head of Site