

# TERRINGTON ST CLEMENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: Notification of Strike Action

As you may be aware the National Education Union (NEU) has scheduled another two days of strike action for teachers across the Summer Term as a result of their dispute with the government. All of the other teaching unions are currently consulting members about future strike action but do not have a mandate for strike action at this time. For this reason, some year groups will be open as normal whilst others are closed on these days. Please note that the year groups closed do not necessarily indicate which staff are taking part in strike action. For clarity, this will not affect attendance figures for the closed year groups only, as all other pupils are expected to attend as normal.

Year Groups Closed	Strike Days (2 Days in Total)
Years Reception, 3, 4 and 6	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July

### Our Nursery will be operating as normal.

We appreciate that some year groups have been affected more than others during this dispute but are unable to restructure the school in any other way to avoid this. Other schools will be closed in their entirety and will also be unable to inform parents which classes are closed until either the day before the or the actual day of the strike. Despite, not being obliged to do so, our staff have informed us of their intention to strike early so that we can plan effectively and give parents maximum notice.

Please be assured that staff are not taking this action lightly and will do all they can to minimise the disruption to our learners and ensure they can continue to learn. Staff who are striking feel that they have been left with no other option. The reasons for the strike action can be found on the [NEU website](#). If your child's year group is closed, they will be sent home with work to complete during the day of the strike and we encourage our learners to complete this, where possible.

There is a possibility that the government will agree to meet with unions prior to these strike days in which case, the action will be called off and pupils should attend as normal. However, this does not seem likely at this point in time.

As before, if both parents, or one parent in single parent households, work in the emergency services and you are unable to supervise your child at home, please contact the school and we will be able to facilitate supervision in school to complete the work set during normal school hours. This is not to be confused with the "Critical Workers" definition used during the lockdowns. We will also be speaking



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separately to parents of vulnerable pupils (including those with SEND) to provide supervision in school, if this is in their best interests.

If your child is entitled to a free school meal because you are in receipt of eligible benefits, you will be able to collect a packed lunch for your child. Mrs Smith will contact you about this nearer the time via Marvellous Me. This is not to be confused with the Universal Free School Meals for children in Reception and Years 1 & 2.

If you have any questions about this, please speak to a staff member in the playground. Thank you for your understanding.

Yours faithfully



Miss A Conner, Headteacher



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