

10.03.23

National Education Union Strike Action

Dear parents and carers

We have been officially informed by the National Education Union (NEU) that they will be taking industrial action in the form of a strike.

Using the information that we have now, we have taken the difficult decision to close as below:

- Wednesday 15th March 2023 Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 **do not** come to school
- Thursday 16th March 2023 Reception, Y1 and Y2 **do not** come to school

The Y4 residential trip (Kingswood) and swimming will continue as planned.

The Y6 consultation appointments planned for 15th March will be moved to Wednesday 22nd March.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will come home with work to complete.

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will have work set on the Google classroom.

We may still contact you and ask that your child attends school. This could be linked to a particular learning need your child has.

Parents and carers who are critical workers (both parents and carers if you are **not** a single parent family) – please email the school info@riverbankprimary.org with your request to send your child in on either day (with accompanying evidence). You must do this before 10:00am on Tuesday 14th March. A list of critical workers can be found on the emailed letter. If you have provided evidence on one of the previous strike days – you do not need to send it again but must email us to let us know you require a place.

If your child is entitled to a free school dinner – we can still provide this by way of a packed lunch that can be collected from school. Please email info@riverbankprimary.org by 10:00 on Monday 13th March if you would like us to arrange a free school packed lunch for collection on the day between 12:00 and 13:00.

Pupils in R, Y1 and Y2 should come to school on the 15th March. Pupils should come to school in their PE kits.

Pupils in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 should come to school on the 16th March. Pupils should come to school in their PE kits.

Any clubs or activities happening on this day are cancelled, including extended day. Breakfast club and the paid after school club will run as normal.

Best wishes

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List of Critical Workers

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during an emergency response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- an emergency response
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits including in government agencies and Arm's length bodies (ALB).
- Food and other necessary goods
- This includes those involved in food:
 - production
 - processing
 - distribution
 - sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to an emergency response)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff

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- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas



Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during an emergency response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity, and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during an emergency response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors

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