



'Creating New Futures'

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure you will be aware from recent media reports that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared further strike action for teaching staff in both April and May. The NEU have informed the Government that the following dates will likely be affected by strike action:

- Thursday 27th April
- Tuesday 2nd May

While the planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the unions and the Government, and not the school, it is important that we respond accordingly in the interests of our pupils whilst respecting the rights of our staff. Therefore, my aim is to give you as much notice as possible of the likely impact of the strike action on the school.

All of our teachers are members of the NEU and they do not have to inform us as to whether they have decided to strike or not, however our staff have told us and I can set out the following arrangements:

On Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May, school will be open as normal to children in Viking Bay and Pegwell Bay (Year 6) only. This will give some consistency to those children due to sit National SATs in the coming weeks.

School will be closed to all other pupils in other classes on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. The whole school will be open to all pupils on Friday 28th April and again from Wednesday 3rd May.

We appreciate that industrial action is disruptive and you may need to change your plans or working arrangements whilst this action is ongoing. If the strike action is called off then we will confirm this as soon as we have been notified and, in this eventuality, the school will be open as usual to all students.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Bailey
Headteacher

