

TADDINGTON/PRIESTCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear parents/carers,

You will be aware from media coverage that The National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which is scheduled to take place on the following dates in our region; Wednesday 5th, Friday 7th July.

The below table illustrates how the strikes will affect our school

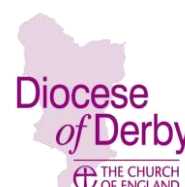
Wednesday 5th July	Friday 7th July
Reception and Year 1- closed all day	Reception and Year 1- closed all day
Year 2- closed all day	Year 2- Open as usual
Year 3 and Year 4- Open as usual	Year 3 and Year 4- closed all day
Year 5 and Year 6- Open as usual	Year 5 and Year 6- open until 12:00PM

There are a number of teaching unions in England and the NEU is currently the only union with confirmed strike action. This is the reason for not all teachers being on strike on the above day.

The NEU members at Taddington would like parents and carers to be aware that the reason they are taking industrial action is the lack of adequate funding for schools.

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and feel that we would be unable to provide this for all children with the staff we have available.

On Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July we will be offering a minimal childcare service for children in the affected classes and for families who have parents who are critical workers, are at work on the specific days and have **no other childcare options**.



If you require emergency childcare on Wednesday 5th or Friday 7th July - [please complete this survey](#) by Thursday 29th June . I must stress that on this occasion we are only able to offer a very limited number of places.

Parents and carers **may** wish to access the Oak National Academy for opportunities for ongoing learning during the class closure day. For children in KS2 (Y3-6), please following this link: [All subjects - Key Stage 2 - Oak National Academy \(thenational.academy\)](#) and children will be aware of topics covered in class for consolidation at home. For Y1 children, please follow this link: [All subjects - Key Stage 1 - Oak National Academy \(thenational.academy\)](#) Children also have access to our usual online tasks and activities, including TT Rockstars.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child and that they will experience disruption to their education but we have aimed to provide as much notice as possible, given the time taken for the situation to be assessed. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Please note: this is a national dispute and not specific to Taddington Primary School.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any further questions, please contact me in school.

Kind regards,

Mr J Handley

Executive Headteacher