



28th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Strike Action: Tuesday 2nd May 2023

I'm writing to update you on the teachers' strike action and the impact on Riverside School. The National Education Union (NEU) is the largest teaching union in England and the majority of Riverside teachers are members of this union. The NEU is the union that has successfully balloted members nationally for strike action. They have already had 5 days of strike action this academic year, the most recent being yesterday, 27 April 2023. During those 5 days of strike action, with some adjustments to the curriculum and the senior team covering the lessons of striking teachers, we kept the school open to enable all students to attend school as normal.

As the dispute between the teachers' unions and government deepens and no resolution is found the number of teachers taking strike action increases. It is therefore, with a heavy heart, that I need to close the school to year 7-10 and 12 on Tuesday 2nd May.

Year 11 and 13 **MUST** attend school as usual on Tuesday as they begin their GCSE and A-level exams in two weeks' time. All teaching resources will be allocated to these two year groups to ensure they are not disadvantaged in their public examinations.

I am very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you. We make every attempt to keep the school fully open, but sadly have had to make the decision to close on this strike day. If any further strikes are called by teachers' unions we will always do our very best to stay open for all students so the impact on their education is minimised.

On Tuesday, those students at home will have sufficient work to complete such as logging into Sparx maths or Languagenut and other homework tasks set; in addition, I would encourage these students to spend some time reading their library books.

Once again, please accept my sincere apologies. As always, if there are any queries or concerns please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Roberts
Headteacher