



30th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Strike Action: Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 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.

As the dispute between the teachers' unions and government worsens and no resolution is found the number of teachers taking strike action continues to increase; therefore, we sadly need to close the school to *all* students on both days: Wednesday and Friday.

However, trips and other activities, such as the Mandarin students' visit to London and the Duke of Edinburgh Award trip for year 11 into 12 will continue as planned.

I am very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you. We make every attempt to keep the school fully open, but unfortunately have had to make the decision to close on these strike days.

Students will have sufficient work to complete at home such as logging into Sparx maths or Languagenut and other homework tasks set. In addition, I would strongly encourage students to spend some focused time reading.

Once again, please accept my sincere apologies. As always, if there are any queries or concerns please get in touch http://www.riversidecampus.com/secondary/?page_id=1924. I really hope the unions and government resume talks soon to find a resolve preventing strikes continuing into the next academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Roberts
Headteacher