

## Chesterfield Primary School

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Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

### RE: National Teacher Strikes

We have been informed by the NEU Trade Union that there will be a day of strike action by their teacher members on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**.

The dispute is with the Secretary of State for Education with regards to the NEU's view that there has been a 'Failure to provide a fully funded above-inflation pay rise (as measured by September 2022 RPI). A fully funded pay rise is one that is funded by additional resources sufficient to provide the above-inflation pay rise' (NEU).

As Headteacher, I have assessed the impact of the current strike action on the school and have decided that due to the numbers of staff involved there will be some serious operational difficulties. As a result, **the school will remain partially open for the following 3 classes only on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:**

- **Nursery**
- **Scotland Class**
- **Kenya Class**

We understand you would like to know how this will affect you and your children. We also appreciate you would like as much notice as possible if the school will be closed on these dates. Currently we can only plan for one day at a time.

**We recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for the below dates.**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – To be confirmed**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – To be confirmed**

### What does this mean for schools?

The headteacher will complete a risk assessment before each strike date and inform you with as much notice as possible if Chesterfield Primary School will be closed on that date or not. The decision is dependent on the number of staff who will be on strike on the given date and if the school would still be able to operate in a safe way for pupils and staff.

Should the strike day/s be cancelled we will let you know as soon as possible.

We will provide further information for the remaining Strike dates nearer the time.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Z. Hussain".

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