



Thursday 20th April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

NEU Industrial Action – Thursday 27th April 2023

Further to previous correspondence regarding industrial action impacting schools, you may be aware that the NEU have confirmed that there are further planned days of strike action. I therefore write to confirm the situation for next Thursday 27th April 2023.

The action will result in Barrow Hedges being closed for 13 of its classes next Thursday. The following classes will be **OPEN** and children are expected to attend as usual.

Nursery

Reception – Fox

Reception – Badger

Reception – Hedgehog

Year 1 – Otter

Year 4 – Lime

Year 6 – Sycamore

Year 6 – Chestnut

Year 6 – Willow

Our after school clubs, which are run by external providers on Thursdays, will go ahead as normal and all children, including those whose classes are closed due to the strike, will be able to attend.

A separate communication will be sent to those parents whose children attend a Thursday club and this will include a form to complete – please do look out for this and respond as soon as possible so that we will make the necessary arrangements. **Hedgerows will run as usual for those children who are booked on, as will tutoring and the Year 6 art production set design club.** Miss Lucas's Positivity Club will not be running.

When making any decisions to close or partially close the school, please be aware there are many factors to consider. This includes the health and safety aspects of a reduced staff capacity including adequate supervision, necessary first aid cover and the required safeguarding provision.



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Finally, I absolutely recognise the disruption that this causes for parents and carers which is why we have wanted to provide you with this information at our earliest opportunity. I know that the decision the teachers have made is certainly not one that has been taken lightly, for all the reasons explained in my letter of 24th January 2023.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter and if you have any concerns that you would wish to speak to us confidentially about then do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise wood".

Mrs Louise Wood
Headteacher