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NEU Strike Action – Further Dates

Dear parents/carers,

You may have heard in the news that further strike action has been announced for Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July.

As before, it is incumbent upon me to consider the impact that industrial action will have on the safe operation of the school. One of the key issues is to assess whether there are sufficient staff available for the school to remain open, or partially open, during a strike. To determine whether our school can remain fully or partially open, a risk assessment has been conducted. This considers the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of pupils, staff and visitors, and whether the school can run a full or amended curriculum, to determine whether it is possible to operate the school safely during the strike.

The Chair of Governors and I have had to make the difficult decision to partially close the school for the following year groups due to possible limited staff capacity in school. The classes on the following days will be closed:

- Wednesday 5th July: Bumble Bee and Honey Bee classes (Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4)
- Friday 7th July: Bumble Bee and Honey Bee classes (Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4)

At the time of writing, Ivy Bee class won't be affected by the strike action, and lunchtime arrangements and school transport will continue as usual for these children. The Y6 children will be in school as normal, as their second transition day to high school has had to be cancelled due to the strikes (you will have received communication about this from your child's high school).

The above closures may be subject to change, and I will keep you informed as soon as possible if this is the case.

Clearly, this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption, especially in terms of alternative childcare arrangements. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Members of the NEU will have thought long and hard about their decision to strike or not and will lose pay for the days that they are on strike. I thank you for continuing to treat all members of our school community with respect.

If you are unable to make alternative arrangements for your children, we will endeavour to help. Please email the school office at office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk.

If the situation changes at any point, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Lennon
Headteacher

Steve Fairclough
Chair of Governors