

29 June 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

**NEU Strike Action – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

You may be aware from national media that the education system is experiencing a funding crisis; years of real-term pay erosion and teacher recruitment and retention challenges. As a result, the National Education Union is taking strike action on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The strike action by members of the NEU is due to a national dispute between the NEU and the government and not as a result of local matters.

I am writing to you to give you as much advance notice as possible that due to the large number of teachers who are likely to take strike action on these days the school will not be open to students on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. This will not impact on students' attendance record.

We will provide online education for all students. There will be online, live support from teachers who are in school and not on strike. Details of the live link will be provided on the morning of strike action via Satchel One (Show My Homework). Teachers who are not striking will set remote lessons for students. If your child's teacher is striking it is likely there will not be a remote lesson set. If this is the case, your child should engage in subject related independent work using materials already available in their subject or using the Oak Academy: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage>

There are a very limited number of places available to children of critical workers. Please contact us by email to [rachelmackeith@chalfonts.org](mailto:rachelmackeith@chalfonts.org) and we will inform you if we can offer you a place depending on availability. Given the small number of students in school, we cannot guarantee school transport.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, we will be sending out further information regarding your child's allowance.

The impact of this national strike action is felt differently across schools. Due to the varying proportion of teachers who are members of the NEU in different schools there may be some schools with little or no impact from strike action and some with full closure. This decision is based on the anticipated availability of staff and the need to meet safeguarding requirements. A large number of teachers nationally and locally have joined the NEU, therefore I am anticipating a higher number of teachers to take strike action.

I fully understand that there are concerns and frustrations about lost learning and I appreciate the disruption for families this will bring.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Whitehead  
Principal