

Oaklands Junior School



Headteacher:
Miss S Charnley

11th October 2013

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware from the media two of the teaching unions, the NUT and NASUWT, are in dispute with the secretary of state for education over pay, pensions and conditions of service. The two unions believe that the secretary of state is refusing to engage in genuine talks with them about teachers' concerns. As a result these unions have called for a regional strike in our area on Thursday 17th October.

I would like to stress that the staff at Oaklands Junior School, who belong to the unions involved, have had a difficult time in making the decision to take action on this day. The decision to close part of the school is never taken lightly, but in this instance, where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action the governors and I have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and well being of all pupils.

We are aware that class closures inconvenience parents so I am writing to give you advance notice of the impact this action will have on the school. On the 17th October the following arrangements will be in place for that day:

- Pupils in classes 3H, 4W, 4L and 6J will have to stay at home.
- All other classes will operate normally and children in those classes will be expected to be in school.
- The athletics match at Beechwood School will go ahead as planned; if this has to be cancelled due to industrial action at the other school we will let you know as soon as possible.

I hope this clarifies the situation and I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'S.M. Rowley'.

Miss. S. Charnley
Headteacher



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