



## Bishop John Robinson CofE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

You may have seen in the news, that the ongoing dispute between the teaching unions and the department for education is still ongoing.

During the spring term, there were 6 strike days organised by the National Education Union (NEU), and we were able to remain fully open to all pupils on each of these days. This term, however, we are operating with a significantly reduced staff, meaning both Miss Biney and I are teaching almost full-time, alongside our leadership roles.

The NEU have called two further strike days, on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** and on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**. With staffing already stretched thin, this obviously poses a significant problem.

I have spoken with teaching and support staff, to ascertain whether we are able to open all or part of the school. However, with potential strike action across all year groups, and significantly reduced available staff to cover, I do not believe we can open and ensure the safety of all pupils on site.

It is therefore with regret that I am writing to inform you that **school will be closed to all pupils** on both Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Pupils will have access to their Mathletics and Reading Eggs online platforms. All pupils have been set this half-term's project homework. If you require a paper-based activity pack for your child for these two days, please let your child's class teacher know by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, so that these can be prepared.

I apologise for the disruption this may cause to families, but please be assured we have considered all possible options and are only closing as a last resort.

I will be in communication with our catering team about how we can provide lunches for pupils eligible for Free School Meals. The school office will contact those families directly to make arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Matthew Harris  
Headteacher