

April 2023

Dear families

Industrial action by the National Education Union (NEU)

As some of you may be aware, one of the teaching unions, the National Education Union (NEU), is planning further strike action over the next three weeks. This is national action, taken by the NEU as part of a dispute between unions and the government over teachers' pay.

The NEU has given notice to us that strikes will impact Dixons Trinity Chapeltown on 27 April and 2 May 2023.

While we believe discussions are ongoing between unions and the government which could see some strikes cancelled, we have to make plans on the assumption that action will be taken on the dates mentioned.

Having considered the number of teachers at school who are members of the NEU, I have made the difficult decision to partially close the school on this date. School will remain open for **Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 11** preparing for their GCSE exams. I am working with those staff that will be in school on the two days to ensure that we prioritise the final exam preparations for Year 11.

We have decided to restrict access in this way to ensure that we can provide an appropriate level of supervision and ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of those in school.

For those children not in school, home learning will be set for the duration of the day. The details of this work will be communicated in another letter.

If your family qualify for Free School Meals and your child's year group is not in school and you would like to collect a packed lunch for them on 27 April and 2 May, please complete [this form](#) by 1400 on Monday 24 April.

If there are changes to our plan for responding to the proposed industrial action, I will advise you as soon as possible. We wanted to communicate as soon as possible so you can plan accordingly. Thank you, as always, for your patience and understanding.

Yours faithfully,



Natalie Brookshaw
All-Through Principal

