



# Blagdon Nursery School

Federated with Caversham and New Bridge Nursery Schools

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*"Start with the child and everything will follow"*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will no doubt have heard that the National Education Union (NEU) has announced that its teacher members will be taking further industrial action in the coming weeks. NEU teaching union are pressing the government to commit to a fully funded pay increase for their members and are formally in a dispute over pay. The recent pay increase for teachers was funded out of existing budgets causing a further huge strain on the schools budgets. The NEU is also committed to secure good working conditions for all staff and a good education for children and young people.

I wanted to let you know the proposed dates of strike action and how this could affect nursery.

The proposed NEU strike dates affecting Reading schools are:

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Early discussions with staff have indicated that we may need to close the school on these dates if eligible staff decide to strike as we will have insufficient staff on site to legally open. Staff do not need to inform me of their decision to strike so I am unable to clarify any further at this point. I will update you as soon as I have any more information but would advise parents to make alternative plans for the days above.

I do understand that this may cause disruption, but the decision to strike has not been taken lightly.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding.

Kind Regards

*J. Budge*

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