

## **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,

Further to my letter last week, I have an update on the possible Teachers Industrial Action this month.

Whilst staff do not need to inform me of their decision to strike in advance, I have been informed that strike action will affect **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** and as a result the **whole school will be closed for this day**.

There is also a strike planned for **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** and currently this means that only **Apple Tree will be closed** – all other classrooms will be open as normal on this day.

The Willows sports day will now be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 11am for morning children and 2.45pm for afternoon children.

As I mentioned in my earlier letter, the 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 offer for teachers was funded out of existing budgets causing a further huge strain on the school's budgets. The NEU is committed to secure good working conditions for all staff and a good education for children and young people.

I do understand that this may cause disruption, but the decision to strike by our staff have not been taken lightly.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding.

Kind Regards

J. Budge

Joanne Budge Executive Head REYS Federation

