



# Yealmpton Primary School

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

Dear Yealmpton family,

NEU Strike Action – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

As you are aware from communication from the Westcountry Schools Trust and media coverage, the National Education Union (NEU) has announced additional strike action, to take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and government over teachers' pay and lack of school funding for resources that schools rely on, for example SEND services.

This action will affect Yealmpton Primary School. I can confirm that the school will be closed on both days to the following classes –

Year 1, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

This means that children in the following classes will be expected in school on these 2 days –

EYFS and Year 3

NEU colleagues at Yealmpton have been supportive in ensuring that the school is made aware of their intention to strike in advance of the planned action day. They are under no obligation to do this and so we thank them for enabling us to give parents and children notice of the class closures. Other non-striking unions have issued guidance to their members about how they should respond, including not to cover for striking colleagues.

The staff at Yealmpton work extremely hard to ensure that your children receive the very best education, support and care and they do not wish to disrupt this. The action they decide to take is not one that will be taken lightly and is one that they ultimately believe does have the best interests of the children at its heart.

We have a duty around Health and Safety but also around ensuring there is a continuity of education for the children, who will not be in school. Remote education will be assigned for children on the strike day. We will signpost and put provision in place for this remote learning.

As Head Teacher, I recognise and respect the right of the teaching staff to participate in industrial action and would ask that all members of our community continue to treat each other with respect during this dispute.

Many thanks in advance for your understanding,

Best wishes,

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