



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Proposed Industrial Action - Letter Eight

updated class closure information

You will be aware from media coverage that the NEU teaching union have declared two more days of industrial action, which will take place on **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May**, following on from their previous days of action in February and March. The strikes are happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over lack of school funding and teachers' pay.

Some teaching staff at Upper Beeding have now notified me that they will again be exercising their legal right to take industrial action, and some staff have notified me that they will not be taking action. Please see below how the strike will affect all the classes:

Reception	China Red	27 th	OPEN	2 nd	OPEN
Reception	China Blue	27 th	OPEN	2 nd	OPEN
Year 1/2	Kenya	27 th	OPEN	2 nd	OPEN
Year 1/2	Greece	27 th	CLOSED	2 nd	CLOSED
Year 1/2	Australia	27 th	CLOSED	2 nd	CLOSED
Year 3/4	Mexico	27 th	OPEN	2 nd	OPEN
Year 3/4	Japan	27 th	CLOSED	2 nd	CLOSED
Year 3/4	France	27 th	OPEN	2 nd	OPEN
Year 5	Morocco	27 th	to be confirmed	2 nd	to be confirmed
Year 5	Norway	27 th	CLOSED	2 nd	CLOSED
Year 6	India	27 th	CLOSED	2 nd	CLOSED
NEW Year 6	Iceland	27 th	CLOSED	2 nd	CLOSED
Year 6	USA	27 th	to be confirmed	2 nd	to be confirmed

I'm sorry to inform you that at the moment we will only be able to accept children into school where their class has been declared **OPEN on 27th April and 2nd May. We are asking you not to send your child into school on a day when the class is closed. Thank you.**

We are working closely with our staff to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further. Please be aware that under union guidelines, staff have no obligation to inform me if they will be in school or not, so you may be notified of a class being open to children at very short notice.

We have not taken this decision to have a partial closure of the school lightly, and we remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils.



I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

If your child's class is open on 27th April and 2nd May and you have a hot meal already booked for them, it will be available - you will not need to provide a packed lunch instead.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Andrews via the school office at office@upperbeedingprimary.co.uk

Kind regards,

Matt Andrews

Head Teacher

