

# Willow Dene School

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26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Industrial Action Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

I refer to my letter to you dated 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023 which detailed the National Education Union's current advertised strike days. The next strike day will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023. After this date, there are no further scheduled strike days although it is possible that the NEU and/or other Unions may announce further action in the future.

**We have assessed the situation for the action on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 and once again, the strike action will cause significant disruption to the running of the school and will result in Willow Dene School being closed to children at Swingate Lane and Oakmere Road.**

As well as members taking part in the strike action, we have many support staff who will be affected because of the action in their own children's school. We have also been significantly and unexpectedly impacted by growing numbers on picket lines outside school, resulting in more support staff refusing to cross the picket lines. Using the predicted numbers that we have; we know it will not be possible for us to open the school safely to children.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support and understanding of such a complex situation.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Harrison  
Executive Head Teacher of  
Willow Dene School