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NUT Strike Action

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you regarding the National Union of Teachers (NUT) strike which is taking place on Tuesday 5 July, and to inform you of the impact it will have at Cornerstone CE Primary. I am writing to you as early as possible to give you as much notice as I can.

The following classes will be closed on Tuesday 5 July:

- Hedgehogs (Year R)
- Dolphins (Year 1)
- Dragonflies (Year 3)

The NUT balloted their members on possible strike action, focusing on the following issues:

- School funding
- The deregulation of national pay and conditions for teachers

Within these issues, they raise concerns about how real term funding cuts to school budgets are effecting the quality of service schools can provide. The unmanageable and exhausting workloads for teachers. A teacher recruitment and retention crisis which is predicted to worsen.

As I hope you agree, the teachers at Cornerstone work very hard to ensure the best possible education and care for your children. They regularly work longer hours than they are contracted to do so, and as a small school give a huge amount of extras to help the school develop and ensure it runs smoothly.

I appreciate that this strike action is likely to cause inconvenience to families, but can assure you that the decision by members of staff to go out on strike has not been taken lightly. I hope that you can respect their decision as professionals, even if you do not support this action.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Clarke
Headteacher

“This is a happy school where pupils achieve well in terms of their personal, as well as academic development and are growing up as responsible caring young people.” Ofsted 2015