

WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers.

I am writing to inform you that further strike action has been announced. There will be further strike action taking place on **Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July 2023.**

This is a difficult situation, which will cause disruption. I would ask you however, to be understanding. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision.

You may have seen in the news and/or on social media that Gillian Keegan (Secretary of State for Education) shared a pay offer. However, this has not been accepted. One of the main reasons being it is unfunded. This means that schools would have to fund the pay rise from their current school budgets - a budget that is already extremely tight. Schools face a very challenging situation at the moment with their current budgets and are really struggling to ensure that they have the staffing and resources that all the children need and deserve as we move into the next academic year.

Wednesday 5th July

The children in these classes **should attend school as normal** on Wednesday 5th July.

- F1 & F2 Skylark
- Class 3 Swift
- Class 5 Kingfisher
- Class 5/6 Egrets
- Class 6 Cormorants

Children in all of the other classes should remain at home on Wednesday 5th July.

Friday 7th July

The children in these classes **should attend school as normal** on Friday 7th July

- F1 & F2 Skylark
- Class 1 Starlings
- Class 5 Kingfisher
- Class 5/6 Egrets but Class 5/6 has to close at 1pm and your child will need to be collected from the main entrance at school at 1pm.
- Class 6 Cormorants but Class 6 has to close at 2pm and your child will need to be collected from the main entrance at school at 2pm

Children in all of the other classes should remain at home on Friday 7th July.

WAVES (before and after school provision) will continue to operate on these days and our Kitchen Team will operate as usual for the children in school. Any after school clubs (3:20pm – 4:20pm) that usually operate on these days will still be operating if your child has a place and wishes to attend.

Thank you for your continued support with this difficult situation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Bailey (Headteacher)