



# Stradbroke Primary School

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## Industrial Strike Action 27<sup>th</sup> April & 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Dear Parents/Carers,

As many of you are already aware, similar to other professions, teaching unions are locked in a dispute with the government concerning a number of issues, including fairer pay and working conditions and at the time of writing an agreement has not be met.

Following the previous industrial strike action, the government offered teaching unions a 4.5% pay increase. However, 4% of this was funded from schools existing budgets with the government only funding the extra 0.5% increase. This scenario would be financially unbearable for many schools going forwards, despite the messaging from the government, and would ultimately lead to schools having less to spend on children. Consequently, this offer was roundly rejected by all teaching unions.

Therefore, the National Education Union (NEU) has called for further strike action. At Stradbroke, this involves the vast amount of our teaching staff. As a result, school will be closed to all children on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**, with the exception of **Y6, Little Teds and children who attend the Integrated Resource (IR)**, who can all attend school as normal. Please note that Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May is a bank holiday.

Should an agreement be met between unions and the government before then to avoid school closures, we will ensure that we communicate this with you.

Yours Faithfully,

John Sitch  
Headteacher



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