

Thursday 18th June 2026

Re: Confirmation of Industrial Action and School Closure

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to provide a further update regarding the industrial action previously notified to the school by the National Education Union (NEU) in relation to the staffing restructure currently underway at Barn Croft Primary School.

Since my last letter, governors and school leaders have met with NEU representatives to discuss the concerns that have been raised and to explore possible solutions. These discussions have been constructive and positive in tone, and actions have been identified and taken forward in response to issues raised during those meetings. We remain committed to continuing this dialogue and to working together in the best interests of our school community.

However, despite these discussions and the progress that has been made so far, I regret to inform you that the planned industrial action will still be taking place on the following dates:

- **Monday 22 June 2026**
- **Wednesday 24 June 2026**
- **Monday 29 June 2026**

Following careful consideration of the likely staffing levels available on these dates, we have concluded that it will not be possible to operate the school safely. As explained in previous correspondence, the anticipated level of staff absence means that we would be unable to provide appropriate supervision, maintain safe staffing ratios, or deliver education safely across the school.

As a result, Barn Croft Primary School will be fully closed to all pupils on each of the strike days listed above.

I appreciate that this news will be disappointing and may cause significant inconvenience for families. The decision to close the school has not been taken lightly and has only been made after careful assessment of the school's ability to operate safely.

While the industrial action is due to proceed, discussions between school leaders, governors and union representatives remain ongoing. We continue to hope that a positive resolution can be reached and are grateful to everyone involved for their commitment to engaging constructively throughout this process.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and continued support of the school during what is undoubtedly a difficult period for our community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Max Peters', written on a light-colored background.

Max Peters
Chair of Governors