



Monday, 19 June 2023

Teacher Strike Action 5th and 7th July

Dear Parent,

I am writing in response to the announced strike action on the 5th and 7th July regarding school events and particularly transition day. We have contacted the main local schools this morning, infant and secondary, to secure an agreed plan for transition. As you might imagine, seeking to co-ordinate changes at the busiest time of year between multiple schools and particularly secondary schools that have many feeder schools is a significant challenge. As a result, most secondary schools have confirmed that they are continuing with Wednesday 5th July. To host our new Year 3 children, we rely on Y6 children visiting their secondary school, otherwise we simply do not have the space or staff supervision for a full transition day with all children.

I have therefore set out the arrangements below for transition for all year groups:

Current Year Group	Arrangements
Year 2	No change to planned arrangements Tuesday 4 th July Arrival from 5:10 p.m.. Event 5:30p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Wednesday 5 th July 8:40 A.M. – 3:15 P.M. All teachers for children entering Y3 will attend Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 3 - 5	We are currently discussing arrangements with union representatives regarding strike action. Together with the union representatives we are seeking to undertake normal transition arrangements where children are able to meet their new class teacher i.e. not undertake strike action. However, teachers are well within their legal rights to continue to support national strike action hence we need a little more time to confirm arrangements. I will write to parents in the coming days with confirmation.
Year 6	Davison High, St Andrew's High and Worthing High – <u>No change</u> to planned arrangements – Wednesday 5 th July. Bohunt Transition day will now be Thursday 6 th July. Bohunt will write separately to families and children enrolling for September 2023 - this affects 39 Chesswood children. Year 6 Children due to transfer to Bohunt should attend Chesswood on Wednesday 5 th July as normal. We will confirm with Bohunt children the arrangements for Wednesday 5 th July as other children meet new teachers or go to new schools i.e. who will teach them and activities they will undertake.



School Performance

Friday 7th July postponed until Thursday 13th July 4p.m.

Strike action planned for Friday 7th July is likely to cause disruption to planned arrangements for the Chesswood school performance – Back to the Future. Children were due to undertake their first full performance to families from 4 p.m. Friday 7th July. It is possible that some members of the cast will understandably not attend if their teacher is on strike on that day, therefore we are postponing this performance until 4 p.m. Thursday 13th July. Tickets are going on sale imminently and will reflect this change. It is important to note that children should not be at school for the performance on the evening of Friday 7th July they should now attend Thursday 13th July ready for a 4 p.m. start. Children will stay at school on that day.

Finally

Finally, I cannot remember a period so challenging in education for schools and families. I am genuinely sorry that children and families are contending with prolonged disruption. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to families and school staff who continue to recognise the challenges we are facing and work with us in such a reasonable and reasoned way so that we are able to stay focussed on addressing the them and minimising disruption wherever we can.

Yours faithfully,