



29/05/23

Dear parents and caregivers,

**UPDATE: Please pick your children up at 1.50pm on Wednesday 31st May.**

The proposed strike action has been cancelled. However the union has informed us that there will be paid union meetings on Wednesday 31st instead. In order to carry out this legal obligation for all schools, our school will be closed for instruction from 1.50pm, to allow these meetings to take place. As we have a very high percentage of union members amongst our teachers, we are unable to offer our instructional teaching programme.

Due to this we would ask that you collect your children at **1.50pm on Wednesday 31st May**, as we will not have enough adult staff to look after your children safely.

The usual 14 days notice of Paid Union Meetings did not occur as required, as The Secretary for Education has exempted the Union from the notice period.

We have contacted our afterschool care and extra curricular providers. Jiggabobs, Kidscare, Playball, Mandarin Classes and Realistic Art Classes will be able to have the children who are booked in from 1.50pm. If your child is booked into one of these groups, please contact them directly to confirm.

What next? The teachers in the union will be voting on a new employment agreement offer between Wednesday 31st May and Tuesday 6th June.

If the teaching union members reject the coming offer then any further industrial action would not happen until Thursday 15th June at the earliest due to legal requirements to give notice.

**SUMMARY: Please collect your children at 1.50pm on Wednesday 31st May, this week due to teacher union meetings.**

We thank you for your help with this and we know that it is an inconvenience. However, thank you for your support of our teachers.

Ngā mihi

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