



# Charles Darwin School

Operated by the Charles Darwin Academy Trust

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20<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Industrial Action by the NEU – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

I am writing to inform parents with as much notice as possible of the planned NEU industrial action on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**. I am unable to update you of the extent to which I am able to open the school at this point but wanted you to be aware of the dates to plan for possible closure of the school or the year group connected to your son/daughter.

I would like to remind parents that this action is in connection with a national dispute with the Secretary of State for Education over pay and conditions, and school funding – it is not against any individual school.

I am sorry that once again you may have to make alternative arrangements for your child and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with mutual respect.

Charles Darwin School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching. We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation and I will inform you as soon as possible of the arrangements for Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Yours sincerely,

Aston Smith  
Headteacher