



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

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Dear parents, carers and families,

Further to my letter sent to you on Friday 26 June, I have since been informed that members of the NEU have agreed to suspend planned strike action for Thursday 2 July, Friday 3 July, Monday 6 July and Friday 10 July. I am disappointed that members are continuing to strike today, Monday 29 June, but the NEU felt that there wouldn't have been time to include this day in the pause nor give you enough notice.

I would like to thank those involved in NEU negotiations for their active engagement with me over the past three weeks. I hope that together, we can bring this dispute to a resolution, and I give you my utmost assurances that I will continue to work tirelessly with union colleagues. Whilst I cannot perhaps undo some of the past, what I can do is to listen carefully, rebuild relationships and to forge a way forwards with the views of all staff in my strategic planning for a strong, resilient and vibrant Catholic trust to serve our children.

Individual schools will be in touch with you to confirm opening arrangements for the strike days that were planned by the NEU.

With my very best wishes,

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Lisa Walton
Chief Executive Officer