



Tuesday 26th September, 2023

Go North East Industrial Action

Dear Families,

I am writing to share with you the most up to date information we have with regards to the industrial action next week by Go North East.

We have been told today by Nexus, who are responsible for providing the school bus services, that the services operating under contract to Nexus to serve schools are expected to run using managers and supervisors from Go North East. This will mean that the scholars buses should run as normal.

Whilst this is good news for the majority of our pupils, unfortunately Go North East have informed us that they do not expect any public buses to be running, so any pupils who rely on a public bus to get to school will need to ensure a contingency plan is in place to get to school.

The text below is taken directly from the Go North East website, this is the most up to date information we have:

Update on industrial action: Monday 25 September

We're sorry to tell you that Unite the Union has called a series of strikes at Go North East which are likely to bring many of our bus services to a halt on the following dates:

- *Saturday 30th September - Friday 6th October inclusive*
- *Saturday 14th October - Friday 20th October inclusive*

Depots affected are Consett, Gateshead, Hexham, Percy Main (North Shields), Sunderland and Washington. Our advice to passengers is to make alternative travel arrangements.

We will do our best to run a skeleton service on strike days, deploying managers and supervisors to drive buses, but we anticipate that the significant majority of our bus services across the North East will not run. Our skeleton service will focus predominantly on ensuring that school services operate where possible. We are engaged in talks with Unite and remain committed to finding a resolution that averts strike action.



We will continue to engage with both NEXUS and Go North East this week & update you if we get any further information.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Mrs J Turner

Head Teacher

