



11 October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have just heard from Medway Council who have confirmed there will be further bus strikes in the Northfleet, Gillingham, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells.

The statement below has been received from Arriva regarding proposed future strike action over the coming weeks, subject to no agreement being reached between Arriva and the unions in the meantime.

***We are extremely disappointed for all our customers to confirm that Unite have planned a further 13 days of industrial action in October and November across Northfleet, Gillingham, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells. The dates are:***

***Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November***

***We recognise that this will mean upheaval to our customers and communities through this ongoing industrial action in the region, despite a generous pay offer being tabled.***

***We urge the Union to ballot on our pay offer as soon as possible. We will continue to keep our customers and stakeholders updated, we apologise for the inconvenience this will cause across the region.***

***Updates will be posted on our social media channels and, the link below. Any services that may run on those dates, will also be updated on this link.***

**<https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/latest-news/kent-and-essex-industrial-action>**

We will keep you informed of any further developments and please try and find alternative means of transport on these days if it affects you or your child. We will not record lates on these days and if you are concerned or have questions, please contact the relevant school.

Best Wishes,

**Mrs S Bridger**  
Deputy CEO, Skills for Life Trust