



Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Strike Action on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

As you are probably aware, the teaching unions have confirmed further strike action days after unsuccessful negotiations with the Government regarding unfunded pay increases. Earlier this week I confirmed that there was no planned impact to the school on the first of these days (Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April). The school will be open as normal on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

The second day of action is taking place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The school will **partially close**, with 2 year groups not being able to come to school on this day. School will be closed to **Year 1** and **Year 3**. All other year groups should come to school as normal on this day.

I would like to say again that I am supporting those teachers who are taking strike action and the unions position regarding fair school funding and funded pay increases. I, along with Mrs Stephens, have carefully evaluated the impact on the school during the day of strike action and have risk assessed and reviewed contingency plans regarding keeping the school open or needing to close it. Any change to normal school opening will, of course, be disruptive to families. However, I hope that the school community can also show support to our teaching staff during this time.

A year group being closed does not necessarily relate to teachers striking. We have considered the number of different factors when taking this decision to partially close.

**Children in Year 1 and Year 3** can still order a hot school meal on this day which you will be able to collect from school. I have deleted any existing orders made in these year groups for this day and ask that families rebook a school lunch if they would like to collect one in the usual way through School Money.

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Peter Lewis-Cole  
Head Teacher

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