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Strike Action Arrangements – April 27th and May 2nd 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware from media coverage, the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action, the next dates are Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and funding, and not because of any issues at our school. We have always tried to deal with each strike day individually, redeploying staff where possible to keep classes open if we can. This time is no different. Please see below the arrangements for both strike days.

Thursday 27th April

Classes closing due to strike action – **Reception Class, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5.**

School will be open as normal for Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6.

Tuesday 2nd May

Classes closing due to strike action – **Reception Class.**

School will be open as normal for Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

As you know, we are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils. For this to be achieved, we require a minimum number of trained staff to be on site, and this cannot be guaranteed for the whole school to remain open.

I fully understand that this situation may be frustrating for you as parents and carers, but we recognise and respect the rights of our staff to take part in industrial action. I recognise the impact that this is likely to have on our families and I apologise in advance for the disruption that will be caused both this week and next.

The children will be back in school as usual on Friday 28th April 2023, and Tuesday 3rd May 2023. I thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson
Head of School

