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Strike Action Arrangements – 2nd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately, the government has failed to reach an agreement with teaching unions around pay. Unions are currently looking for a 12% pay rise rather than the 5% which has been offered. Unions state that teachers' pay has fallen by about 24% relative to inflation since 2010. These historical real-term pay cuts for teachers are especially felt in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis. The teachers have thought long and hard about their decision to strike and it has most certainly not been an easy decision.

In order to minimize the disruption these strikes will have, we have again made plans to redeploy staff in the school in order to diminish the impact. On this occasion, **we will be closing the Year 3 and Year 4 classes for the day**. If your child is in Year 3 or Year 4, you will need to make alternative arrangements for your child on Thursday 2nd March. Children in Reception and Key stage 1, as well as Years 5 and 6 are able to attend school, as normal, though there may be some changes to the staff who support them during the day.

A reminder that other proposed strike days are; Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. We will contact you again in advance to keep you updated about what plans are in place should these strike days go ahead.

Additionally, due to this strike action, we will celebrate World Book Day as a whole school on Friday 3rd March.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me through the school office or via email at office@stjhv.islington.sch.co.uk. Alternatively, you can telephone us on 02072264906.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson
Head of School

