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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write regarding the forthcoming strike action by The National Education Union (NEU).

Teachers from the NEU will be striking on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

As Headteacher my paramount responsibility is for the health and safety of children and staff. Each school is unique, with varying numbers of staff who are members of NEU, and so what may work within one school might not be appropriate in another.

Striking workers are not required to inform their employer as to whether or not they will take strike action until the day of the strike. Also, I cannot compel staff to undertake work, such as covering classes, for staff who are striking. Staff who are striking do not have to set work for their classes.

Parents and carers prefer advance notice of any closure to the school, or of particular year groups, rather than being informed on the day. I am therefore sharing with you in advance the plans for the days of the strike.

The primary school plans to be closed to EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 on both Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Children in these year groups should work from home and complete any tasks set by teachers on Google Classroom or using any of our online learning resources. MS Teams lessons will not take place. The children would also benefit from completing reading either to themselves or with you.

School intends to remain open for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 but, as we may receive late notification, please do look out for any late changes. We will only communicate with you again in the event that additional class or classes need to close.

If you have bookings with Junior Adventures Group (formerly EnergyKidz), please ensure you cancel these today, otherwise you may still be charged. I have been advised that Junior Adventures Group will not be cancelling bookings at their end.

If, for any reason, the decision changes or the industrial action is cancelled by the NEU, or further year groups need to close, I will update you with this decision at the earliest possible opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Mr K Hillerton Headteacher





