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Strike Action - 15th and 16th March 2023

Dear Parents,

As you will be aware from previous correspondence, the next planned industrial action by members of the National Education Union (NEU) will be taking place across 2 days on Wednesday $15^{\rm th}$ and Thursday $16^{\rm th}$ March.

This will affect different schools in different ways as teachers can belong to a number of different Unions. The action will result in partial or whole school closures across the country.

This is a national dispute and not confined to the school. In accordance with Local Authority guidance, a risk assessment for that day has been made.

Please can I take this opportunity to explain that whilst we understand the frustrations you experience as a result of class closures the decision to do so is not one we take lightly. In accordance with LA guidance, a risk assessment for these days has been made.

Therefore, according to the information we have received thus far, school will be partially closed to a number of pupils over the 2 days of industrial action. Please see below.

	Wednesday 15 th March	Thursday 16 th March
Nursery (am and pm)	Open as usual	Open as usual
RMP	Open as usual	Class closed
RB	Open as usual	Open as usual
Year 1	Open as usual	Open as usual
2M	Class closed	Open as usual
2C	Open as usual	Class closed
Year 3	Open as usual	Open as usual
Year 4	Open as usual	Both classes closed
Year 5	Open as usual	Open as usual
Year 6	Both classes closed	Both classes closed

Vulnerable pupils in closed classes can attend, and those parents have been contacted separately.

Should any pupils who are eligible for FSM (NOT Universal) in closed classes require a packed lunch on the day of industrial action, this should be ordered by the end of the week. Please contact the school office.

We are grateful that our staff have chosen to notify us of their intent to strike so that we can give you as much notice as possible- this is not something they have to do. We hope that in giving you notice it will allow you to arrange care for your children. In the very unlikely event that the strike is called off or our position in school changes, we will inform you immediately of the changes. Otherwise assume that those pupils whose classes are specified as 'closed' should remain at home for named day(s) only and return to school once their class is back open, when all children will be expected to attend as usual. Please note, school is open to all pupils on Friday 17th March.

If your child's class is closed, they should spend some time practising key skills such as reading as well as accessing online learning platforms such as Bug Club, TTRockstars, Numbots, BBC Bitsize, Topmarks etc. during the course of the day.

I apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause you and for the possible effect that this may have on your child's learning, though as you will appreciate, these circumstances are beyond our control.

Thank you for your understanding that this is an action being taken by unions on a nation-wide basis and that no individual teacher, or specific group of teachers, should be pinpointed in terms of the disruption caused.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Gilbert