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

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, there is planned strike action for this **Thursday 27th April** and next **Tuesday 2nd May** by members of the National Education Union (NEU).

Due to a change in circumstances, **school will now be open to Year 6 pupils** on both days. According to the latest information we have, the following classes will be closed/open on the two strike days:

	Thursday 27 th April	Tuesday 2 nd May
Nursery (am and pm)	Open as usual	Closed to am and pm
RMP	Class closed	Open as usual
RB	Open as usual	Open as usual
1M	Open as usual	Open as usual
1SG	Class closed	Open as usual
Year 2	Open as usual	Both classes closed
3R	Open as usual	Open as usual
3H	Open as usual	Class closed
Year 4	Both classes closed	Both classes closed
5S	Open as usual	Open as usual
5C	Class closed	Class closed
Year 6	Open as usual	Open as usual

As always, the decision to enforce class closures is not one we take lightly and we understand the frustrations you experience as a result of these. We are fortunate to have a staff team that have been willing to share with us their decisions regarding taking strike action so that we can give you as much notice as possible. This is not something teachers have to do and can/may change as the date gets nearer. We will, of course, let you know of any changes as soon as we are aware of them.

Vulnerable pupils in closed classes can attend, and those parents have been/will be 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 for the 2nd May. Please contact the school office.

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 only and return to school once their class is back open, when all children will be expected to attend as usual.

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