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Dear Parents / Carers,

NEU Strike – Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023

As you may have heard, the government's recent pay offer to teachers was rejected by 98% of the members of the NEU (National Education Union) that voted. The union has said that the pay offer was not fully funded and it would therefore adversely affect schools' budgets. As a result, two new strike dates have been confirmed, Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Teachers are in fact told by their unions that they do not need to inform their headteacher until the day! Fortunately, I have exceptional staff who know the disruption this will cause so they do kindly inform me. This is not a decision that teachers have taken lightly, especially in the current climate when everyone is struggling to meet the rising costs of living; if a teacher goes on strike to support their union, their pay is stopped for that day.

On Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May, the following classes will be closed due to a reduction of teaching staff in school that will affect our ability to safeguard all children and comply with health and safety during the day that includes breaktime and lunchtime supervision:

Class	Thursday 27 th April	Tuesday 2 nd May
3L	Closed	Closed
4D	Closed	Closed
4JG	OPEN	Closed

Due to exceptional circumstances, unlike on previous occasions, we will unfortunately not be able to offer any additional places in school this time for critical emergency workers/vulnerable children.

We would encourage, where possible, that children work independently on homework, spellings, Doodle English/Maths and times tables. Please be aware that unions do not allow staff on strike to set work.

We apologise for further disruption to education which unfortunately is beyond our control.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. H. West
Headteacher