



Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Strike action by members of the National Education Union

I am writing to you again about the forthcoming strike action by the National Education Union (NEU). The next planned strike days are **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April** and **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**.

Although staff do not have to declare until the day of the strike if they will be working or not, I have been advised that most teachers due to work on these days are likely to be on strike again. Non striking teachers and support staff cannot be compelled to cover a striking teacher so although we expect to have some adults in school, this would not result in classes being covered.

In terms of what support we can offer, this will vary on the 2 days as follows:

#### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

School will be open for Year 3 and 4 children only to enable a planned school trip to go ahead.

On this occasion we have made the decision to prioritise enabling these 2 year groups to go on their planned trip above opening the school to any other groups. This is because we believe it is important to their curriculum and learning this term. In making this decision we have also taken into account that this same trip had to be re-arranged from last year due to the extreme temperatures in July 2022.

Therefore all classes will be **closed for all children other than Year 3 and Year 4 on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**. We will keep you updated should there be any change to this plan in the next few days.

#### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

On this day we can offer a very limited number of places. We will prioritise places as follows:

**Priority group 1:** Some places available will be allocated by the school, following the groups priority list provided by the DfE. These families will receive emails individually to inform them that they qualify under this category.

**Priority group 2:** We will offer the remaining spaces to children of critical workers. This is limited to a maximum of 25 places. Therefore we are asking again for your support in considering whether you can keep your child at home on that day even if you are a critical worker. If we have more applications than spaces available we will prioritise families where all adults with parental responsibility are considered critical workers or parents who work in the emergency services.

To request a space under priority group 2 for your child on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, please complete this [Google Form](#) by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 9am so that we can confirm spaces during the day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

We will not be following the usual curriculum in school on 2<sup>nd</sup> May but will organise a number of activities for the children throughout the day. Breakfast club will be available for those children attending school and who usually use this facility. After-school club will be closed on this day. Clubs run by external providers will continue after the school day for all children who usually attend them.

We appreciate that this will again be disruptive to you but thank you for your continued support at this time.

Kind regards

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