



# Grange Primary School

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20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## Year 2 and 6 ONLY

Dear Parent/ Carers,

### **Notification of Strikes on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

You will have heard in the press, that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared another two days of strike action which will take place on: **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.**

The NEU is one of several teaching unions and different schools will have different numbers of striking staff. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government. The NEU explain: "This is not about a pay rise but correcting historic real-terms pay cuts. Teachers have lost 23% in real terms since 2010, and support staff 27% over the same period. The average 5% pay rise for teachers this year is some 7% behind inflation. In the midst of a cost of living crisis, that is an unsustainable situation".

As Headteacher, I have assessed the impact of the strike action on the school and after careful consideration have decided that the school will be open to pupils in year 2 and 6 only due to public examinations happening in May. I will however have to close to pupils in Nursery, reception, year 1, 3, 4 and 5 on **BOTH DATES.** Due to the numbers of staff involved, there will be serious operational difficulties on these days.

Pupils in year 2 and 6 will be expected to attend school as normal on both days however the school will not be operating an after-school club on these days.

Our sincere apologies for the difficulties that these arrangements will cause to you all but unfortunately these are circumstances beyond our control.

The school will open as normal to everyone on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.**

If you have any queries or concerns, please let me know.

Yours Sincerely

Rebecca Benjamins  
Headteacher