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Year N, R, 1,3,4 & 5

Dear Parent/ Carers,

Notification of closure on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd 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 27th April and Tuesday 2nd 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 have to close to pupils in years 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. Due to public examinations school will be open to **year 2 and 6 only** on these days.

As children will have recently received their topic homework we are asking that they use this time to complete the activities provided bringing any models or work completed to school the following day.

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 on **Friday 28th April and Wednesday 3rd May 2023.**

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

Yours Sincerely

Rebecca Benjamins
Headteacher