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Dear Parent / Carers,

NEU Industrial Action – Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May – School Closures

We are writing to let you know that on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May **the school will not be open as normal, due to national strike action.** This decision has not been taken lightly, and we remain committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all of our children. Having undertaken detailed risk assessments for each of these days, it is apparent that we are unable to fully open with the limited staff numbers that will be available. Whilst we completely appreciate that this will be disruptive and inconvenient for families, the safety of our children always comes first. In light of this, the school will only be open for limited groups of children on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.

On Thursday 27th April – ONLY YEAR 2 pupils will be affected. A limited number of children in Year 2 will be able to attend on this day, the school will contact you to let you know if this is your child.

On Tuesday 2nd May – All year groups are affected. A limited number of children in the school will be able to attend on this day, the school will contact you to let you know if this is your child.

Alternatively if you fall into any of the critical worker categories below and you require a place for your child on these days, please let us know via email or by speaking to the school office by Tuesday 24th April

- emergency services
- health and care/NHS staff
- education and childcare

Please note that the normal curriculum and lessons will not be taught in the year groups affected by strike action.

We are sorry you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice and understand that this situation may be frustrating, however we ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Please understand that teachers are striking against the national education policy and resourcing in schools and not against the children they work so hard for every day. Teachers want schools to be funded appropriately so that children get the education they deserve. Striking teachers do not get paid for a strike day. They are taking a stand to improve the education for the children they care so much for.

It is unlikely that the industrial action will be called off, but if this were to happen, we will contact you to confirm that the school will be open.

Please do feel you can talk to me if you need to. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Lucy Whiffin and Mrs Briley Pappas (Chair of Governors)