

21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

As you may be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has called two further strikes on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. As before, these strikes will impact our school. Strike action is the NEU's response to a disagreement with the government. It is a difficult decision for many colleagues, and a choice the individual must make, as they are not paid for the days they are on strike. Everyone in the school community is hoping for a swift resolution to this dispute.

As you know, our teachers who are going on strike have always committed to give the school plenty of notice about their intended action so the school community can make arrangements for the days of the strike action. I am sure you will agree, any decision taken must place the health, safety and welfare of our pupils and staff first.

I would like to reiterate the message that recognising and respecting the right of our staff to make their own decision on this matter is important. We ask that all members of our community continue to treat each other with respect during this period of strike action. On the day of the strike, it must not be assumed that if a member of staff is not in work then they must be on strike. Staff may be absent for many other reasons.

As you will have seen in the press, talks between the government and the NEU are ongoing. If there is an agreement reached between the parties before Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, the strike action will be called off. If this is the case, I will notify all parents and carers via Parentmail and the school website.

We will be closing 8 classes on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. They are:

- Apple
- Pear
- Ash
- Cherry
- Maple
- Willow
- Hawthorn
- Birch

Oak, Beech and Poplar classes will remain open from 8:40 – 3:05pm and children in those classes are expected to attend school.



Children who receive free school meals

If your child receives a free school meal, we will still provide a hot meal for your child. Please bring your child to school at 12pm on 27<sup>th</sup> April and 2<sup>nd</sup> May and pick them up at 12:50pm. They will be able to come into the hall to eat lunch and play in the playground afterwards as they normally would.

Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast and after school club will still be available for the children in Oak, Beech and Poplar on 27<sup>th</sup> April and 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

As always, please come and speak to me if you have any questions about anything mentioned above.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lee Dallinger'.

Mr Lee Dallinger