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Strike Day Closures

Dear Parents and Carers

Strike action - 2nd May 2023

The school has received notification from the NEU trade union that its members propose to take strike action on 2nd May 2023. This action relates to a national dispute.

Some staff within the school are members of this union and therefore the school is affected by the strike action. We have undertaken a risk assessment for the school and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our pupils.

The trust and I feel it necessary to **close the school to these year groups**: **Reception Year 1 Year 4 Year 5** Unless you are contacted by school and invited in for the day. Please note we are unaware of the of the specific numbers of teaching and support staff who may be joining picket lines on strike days, but minimising disruption to our pupils who attend the school on those days remains our priority.

Nursery, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6 will be open as usual.

We will be able to offer meals to those children who are in receipt of Free School Meals. This is all children across Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and those in Year 3-6 who currently receive free school meals.

School will be open from 12pm – 12:30pm on these dates to allow children to come in and have a hot lunch. **Parents will need to sign up using a link to book a dinner.** (Which will be sent out shortly) You will need to drop off your child/ren at 12pm at the main entrance and collect from there at 12:30pm.

I apologise for the inconvenience this will cause; however, it is hoped that a clear decision will enable you to make plans ahead of the disruption expected.

If there are any developments at a national level, and if strike action is averted in schools this will be notified through our usual school communication channels.

It is with regret that I must inform you of these circumstances and I thank you for your continued engagement with myself and the senior team during this national strike action.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Bardwell Principal

