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Dear Parent/Carer,

You are aware that teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared further strike action.

The strikes will take place on Thursday April 27th and Tuesday May 2nd. The strike is happening in result of a national dispute between the union and the government over pay and funding, and not because of any issues at any of our schools or Trust.

Unfortunately, we will have to ask nursery, reception, year 1, year 2, year 3 and year 5 to stay at home on the above dates, as we have insufficient staffing levels due to strike action. This is not a decision we take lightly, but the safety of our pupils is paramount. **To clarify: year 4 and year 6 will be taught as normal and are expected to be in school as normal on these dates.**

Where classes are on strike, those pupils in receipt of FSM and those who receive universal free school meals, will be able to collect a packed lunch from reception from 11am. To clarify: all children in reception, year 1 and year 2, plus those children entitled to free school meal in year 3 and 5 are entitled to this packed lunch.

To ensure that we have the meals prepared, you must inform us by Monday 24th April by 3:30pm. Please let Mrs. Chaganis know if you want to order the meal. This can be done via DoJo or calling into the office.

I understand that this situation may be frustrating and apologise for any potential disruption caused.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Regards

Mrs. Tumelty
Head of School

Mrs. Graham
Executive Headteacher

