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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you with further information regarding the **NEU (National Education Union) Strike Action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May**, and thank you for your patience regarding this matter. At present and following previous days of strike action, the indications are that the number of staff choosing to take industrial action will mean it is not possible to run lessons as normal. For this reason, our school, like many schools across Norfolk and England, **will partially open**.

The school will remain open for the following year groups only:

- **Dove Hub Provision**
- **Year 2**
- **Year 4**
- **Year 6**
- **Year 10**
- **Year 11**

We ask that children in all other year groups work at home on these days. Please note, these days do not count as an absence for children who are asked to stay at home.

For families where children attend our Nursery setting, please note that the Nursery will be closed on the grounds of health and safety as a result of insufficient staff. Funding can be withdrawn for that day to use with another childcare provider by amending/resubmitting your child's funding claim form and returning it to the school office.

There will inevitably be some disruption to learning for those in school, but we will endeavour to keep this to a minimum. Lessons in school will run for the Dove Hub, Y2, Y4, Y6, Y10 and Y11, but we are likely to make changes to the curriculum for that day for some classes.

This partial closure is very different from that which we experienced during lockdown(s) and as a result our remote offer and in-school provision will differ. Work will be provided via Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize - this will be communicated in a separate message. Children who do not have internet access will be issued with a physical pack that they can work through. Please contact the school office if you would like a pack stating your child's name and class/Year Group **by midday on Tuesday**.

We have limited places for children of critical workers (*those who are frontline NHS or emergency services only*) or who are deemed vulnerable*. Please complete the google form ([click here](#)) if you would like to

request a place within this provision which will be confirmed via email on Tuesday 25th April. ***Please note, to support our planning, forms must be completed by midday on Tuesday 25th April.***

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and you would like a packed lunch for your child (*this does not include Universal Infant Free School Meals*), please inform the school office by midday on Tuesday 25th April by completing this form ([click here](#)). In the Primary Phase, packed lunches for those that complete the form will be available for collection from the school office between 10-11am on Thursday and Tuesday. In the Secondary Phase, children who have requested a packed lunch for Thursday 27th April should collect this from the canteen at 3:20pm on Wednesday 26th. A packed lunch for Secondary Phase students for Tuesday 2nd May will be available for collection from the school office between 10-11am on that day.

I want to reiterate that this strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and not because of any issues or disputes with our school.

Negotiations are ongoing at a national level between the Trade Unions and Government Ministers. The information in this letter is therefore subject to change should any agreements be reached over the coming days and we will continue to communicate with you as soon as such information becomes available.

I recognise the disruption that this may cause to you and your family and appreciate that many of you will be faced with some significant juggling over the coming days.

Yours faithfully,



Rob Connelly
Headteacher

*are assessed as being in need under section 17 or section 47 of the Children Act 1989, (including children and young people who have a child in need plan or a child protection plan) and children who are looked-after by the local authority, have an education, health and care (EHC) plan, have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance