



21<sup>st</sup> April' 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### INDUSTRIAL ACTION UPDATE

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 02<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

As you will be aware from the news, Industrial Strike Action is being taken by certain teaching unions. The action is being taken for a number of reasons:

- The teaching profession is facing a severe recruitment crisis with 41% of teachers leaving the profession in the last 10 years.
- Education has been under funded for years and schools are finding it increasingly difficult to finance high quality education for your children.
- The recent pay award for teachers was under inflation, plus our schools were not given the money in their budgets to fund this.

The next planned strike action is **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023**. The Chair of Governors and I have discussed how this industrial action will impact our school and we are writing to inform you that we have **insufficient teaching staff to open**.

**The following classes that will be CLOSED, next Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April;**

- **Lullaby Lane, Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 4 and Mr Todd's class in Strive.**

Meaning classes - Year 2, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6 and Mrs Jaitay's class in Strive ARE IN.

**There is a further strike action planned, for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023, whereby ALL CLASSES WILL BE CLOSED.**

Any child entitled to Free School Meals and who would like to order a lunch bag to collect between 12 and 1pm on these planned action strike dates will receive an email on parentmail to enable you to order one in advance

We understand how disruptive school closures can be to parents/carers so we are providing you with as much notice as has been possible so that you can make arrangements for your

children on that day. We apologise for this inconvenience but hope that you are able to support the action taken by our teachers

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Davidson'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'J' and a small 'D'.

Ms J Davidson

Executive Headteacher