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18<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Keeping you in the Picture - Strike Action by Teachers – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

As you may have heard in the press, strike action being taken by teachers will be shaping the service that we are able to provide to you on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

We are grateful that those teachers planning to strike have spoken with us so that we can begin to make the necessary plans for the day. **Our first analysis suggests that on 1<sup>st</sup> February we will be able to open the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) for learning as usual – this may change.**

Children whose classes are not operating will be provided with remote learning which may be completed online at home, and this will be discussed with them nearer the time.

Government guidance highlights that as well as keeping as much of the school open as possible, we must also provide in-school provision for those children who hold Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs) and for those children of critical workers.

At the bottom of this letter is a list defining critical workers. **If you consider yourself to be a critical worker and would like your child in Key Stage 2 to attend school on 1<sup>st</sup> February, please contact us via School Gateway by 24<sup>th</sup> January, letting us know your job, employer and which part of the critical worker definition applies to you.** We will be in touch concerning arrangements when made.

As you might expect, the number of children of critical workers that we have in school may have an impact upon the classes that we are able to keep open across the rest of the school. **We hope to confirm final arrangements for the day by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.**

We are currently working with our caterers, Chartwells, to arrange for those children who are not in school and who qualify for free school meals, to have a packed lunch made available to them for collection on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. We'll be in touch with you about this when we finalise arrangements for the day.

Further days of strike action are currently planned for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March – we will write to you again about arrangements for these days once the first day of action has taken place.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Hampton  
Acting Headteacher

## **Critical Workers**

### Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

### Education and childcare

This includes: • childcare • support and teaching staff • social workers • specialist education professionals who must remain active during an emergency response to deliver this approach

### Key public services

This includes: • those essential to the running of the justice system • religious staff • charities and workers delivering key frontline services • those responsible for the management of the deceased • journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

### Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of: • an emergency response • essential public services, such as the payment of benefits including in government agencies and Arm's length bodies (ALB).

### Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food: • production • processing • distribution • sale and delivery • as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

### Public safety and national security

This includes: • police and support staff • Ministry of Defence civilians • contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to an emergency response) • fire and rescue service employees (including support staff) • National Crime Agency staff • those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

### Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during an emergency response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

### Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes: • staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure) • the oil, gas, electricity, and water sectors (including sewerage) • information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during an emergency response • key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services) • postal services and delivery • payments providers • waste disposal sectors