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22nd February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Keeping you in the Picture - Strike Action by Teachers – Thursday 2nd March

Following my letter to you prior to the half term break, I am now in a position to confirm that **due to strike action scheduled for Thursday 2nd March we will be closing Key Stages 1 and 2 for the day**. We are grateful to our teaching team for advising us of their expected absence and to families who have made us aware of their need for critical worker provision for their child/children. This has enabled us to ensure that provision in school on that day will meet need.

As a result of your support we can confirm arrangements for **Thursday 2nd March** as follows:-

- The Foundation Stage will be open and operate as normal.
- Children of key workers from Years 1 – 6, together with those recognised as vulnerable will spend the day with Mr Franklin in the Year 4 classroom. All places requested have been provided for – **if your child in Key Stage 1 or 2 has a place in provision on 2nd March we will text you to confirm this shortly**.
- The school day will begin and end as normal with lunches taking place as they do every day.

For those in Years 1-6 staying at home

Packed lunches are available for all those **who qualify for free school meals** and are having to stay at home. A choice of a ham or cheese packed lunch will be available and may be collected from the reception desk at any time on 2nd March. **Should you wish to order a packed lunch for your child, please use the School Gateway app to request and choose your preferred lunch by Monday 27th February.**

Ahead of their strike action, we are grateful that teachers not present on 2nd March will be talking to children about learning that they can do at home, some of which may be presented online. Do talk to your child or their teacher as the day gets closer so that you are clear about how your child can engage with learning at home. Be assured that there will be no expectation of either you or your child in relation to this learning – we understand the challenge presented by school provision not being available to you and do not wish to add further unnecessary pressure to this situation.

Thank-you for all of your support and understanding as we manage what is another unusual but significant day for schools, children and families across the country. Should you have any questions ahead of the strike day please feel comfortable talking to your child's teacher or by getting in touch with us in the usual ways.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Hampton
Acting Head Teacher