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8<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Keeping you in the Picture - Strike Action by Teachers – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Thank-you to everyone for your support in allowing our provision to run smoothly during the teacher's strike that took place last week.

The purpose of this letter is to share our position ahead of the next scheduled action which is planned for **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. Should this action go ahead, due to increased numbers of staff taking part we regret that at the moment **we expect to be closing Key Stages 1 and 2**.

**We will advise you closer to the time if action is taking place and of our final arrangements**, but wanted to let you know of our likely position as early as possible so that you could make plans if needed.

As previously we will continue to offer provision for children of key workers. We will also provide remote/home learning for those staying at home should you wish to engage with this - this will be discussed with children nearer the time.

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 Stages 1 or 2 to attend school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, please contact us via School Gateway by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 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. You do not need to advise us again if you accessed key worker provision on 1<sup>st</sup> February – we will assume that your child will require this provision again if used before.

Again as before we will be 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 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. **We would ask that you let us know if you would like a packed lunch by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

We are grateful to those teachers taking action for informing us of their plans so that we can share the picture with you and minimise the inconvenience caused to families.

Should you have any questions regarding this situation please do not hesitate to get in touch. We will of course be in touch with you nearer to 2<sup>nd</sup> March to confirm arrangements for the day.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Hampton  
Acting Head Teacher

## **Critical/Key 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