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Upcoming NEU Strike Action – 27th April

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Dear Parents and carers,

As mentioned in my letter yesterday, there is further strike action planned by the NEU for the coming term. I am writing to inform you that as things stand for the strike due to take place next Thursday, the 27th April, we once again will see the school disrupted.

As on the previous strike days, I expect to be without teachers for this next day of action. I have had indication from the teachers that they want to avoid disruption to the Year 6 children's SATs preparations which start in a couple of weeks and have let it be known that staff will make themselves available to take the year 6 class on this day despite the strike action.

For that reason I have again taken the difficult decision that again **WE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN EXCEPT YEAR 6** on those days. Unless I am informed that I will have any other teachers available, or there is movement in terms of the negotiations between the NEU and government that means the strike is called off, **we will be closed to all except year 6**.

As previously communicated, the strike is part of the dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and conditions and **how they are funded**, and not because of any issues at our school. I know colleagues in this union do not take these decisions lightly and that for them striking is a last resort in their attempts to influence government to make the changes they see as fundamental to ensuring a strong and effective teaching landscape in all our schools.

As before I would ask you to encourage your children to use the range of activities and weblinks that are available on the school website (see <https://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/parents/home-learning>) as well as the Time Table Rockstars and Mathletics online learning platforms. Also, encourage them to read the books they have borrowed from school or may have at home or to do an artwork for the calendar competition.

Caterlink will be providing a school packed lunch that can be collected on the day of the strike for any children entitled to a free school meal. **PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE BY THIS MONDAY IF YOU PLAN TO COME IN TO COLLECT A LUNCH. The packed lunch will be available for collection between 10-11am.**

I'm sorry that you will again have to make alternative arrangements for your child, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Fleet Primary School and all our staff remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching. We are working closely with our staff union representative to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

There is a further day of strike action by the NEU scheduled for **Tuesday 2nd May**. I await word from the staff about their intentions but should that also go ahead it is likely it will be the same situation.

If you have any questions, please contact admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don McGibbon', written in a cursive style.

Don McGibbon - Head Teacher