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Upcoming NEU Strike Action – Thursday 27th April & Tuesday 2nd May

25th April 2023

Dear Parents and carers,

As mentioned in last week's letter regarding the NEU strike this Thursday (27th April) there is another day of strike action planned for next week – Tuesday the 2nd May.

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 these two days – Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May - despite the strike action.

For that reason I have taken the difficult decision that **WE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN EXCEPT YEAR 6** on these two days. Unless I am informed that I will have any other teachers available, or there is progress in 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 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 strikes for any children entitled to a free school meal. We already know those coming in on Thursday for a lunch. If you require a lunch for collection on next Tuesday's strike day, **PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE BY THIS FRIDAY. The packed lunch will be available for collection between 10-11am on the day of the strikes.**

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.

With Strike days and bank holidays coming up to avoid confusion, please see below for opening details:

Thursday 27th April – School closed to all EXCEPT Year 6 – Year 6 to come in as normal

Friday 28th April – school open as normal for all children

Monday 1st May – School Closed for the May Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May – School closed to all EXCEPT Year 6 – Year 6 to come in as normal

Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th May – School open as normal for all children

Monday 8th May – School Closed for the King's Coronation Bank Holiday

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

Yours Sincerely,



Don M^cGibbon - Head Teacher