

Thursday 27th April 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to provide an update in light of the formal dispute between the National Education Union (NEU) and the Secretary of State because of a national dispute around pay and funding between the education unions and the government, and not because of any issues at our school or within the Trust. As a school and in accordance with government guidance, it has been our intention to remain open, throughout the strikes. I'm grateful to the staff for giving me notice of their intention to strike rather than telling me on the morning of the strike which would cause greater disruption to parents.

You are aware further strike action is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd May. More Teachers will be working on this strike day and having carefully considered which staff are on site we will be open to the following classes and it is expected that they attend school as normal on Tuesday.

Dolphin
Seahorse
Owl
Merlin
Eagle

There will be limited additional provision in place on Tuesday 2nd May for pupils in Y1,2,3 & 4. Attendance will be prioritised for children of critical workers as defined by:

- Pupils who have both parents/carers (or the parent/carers is a single parent family) as critical workers.
- Critical workers will be considered as those working in the NHS, emergency services, working in education or Social Care.

If you would like to request one of these places, please complete the form via the link below. The deadline for submitting the form is **Friday 28th April at 10am**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/xqBWYQTP9y>

There will also be a very limited provision for pupils deemed vulnerable as defined by:

- Pupils with an EHCP (Education Health Care Plan).
- Pupils who are looked after (LAC) or Post looked after (PLAC).
- Pupils who are on the child protection register (CP) or identified as a child in need (CIN).

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All places must be allocated in advance so that registers can be put together and safeguarding actions can take place.

Any pupil who is not in school but is entitled to Free School Meals can order a lunch grab bag. These can be ordered by completing the form via the link below. The deadline for submitting the form is **Friday 28th April at 10am.**

<https://forms.office.com/e/34n8qDdQ4N>

We understand the uncertainty this brings, but the safety and wellbeing of our pupils is our paramount concern. I am extremely sorry about the potential disruption the strike action will have on you and to your child's 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.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Sarah Hallsworth
Head of School

Malc Hetherington
Executive Head