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Dear parents,

Re: NEU Strike Action

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the planned industrial action from the National Education Union. As you may know from the national media, the National Education Union (NEU) has announced further strike action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. This is not action against the school but is about concerns over teachers' pay and working conditions and the funding levels for schools.

As a large three form entry primary school, you will understand that I have a considerable number of teachers who are members of the NEU. I have consulted with these staff and considered all the information available from the DFE, our Academy Trust and the Local authority to consider the implications for our school. Not all teachers are members of the NEU, some are members of other unions, which means there will be variance in arrangements from school to school.

Unfortunately, due to the significant impact at Flowery Field, I am unable to open safely. Therefore, I will be reverting to a remote learning offer on both days. I am currently only able to offer places to those children with an Education Health Care Plan or where there is multi agency involvement to meet SEND needs. All families were contacted prior to the last industrial action and places have been allocated. If your circumstances have changed and you feel you meet the criteria above please contact our pastoral team.

I am aware that this strike will have a significant impact on you and your family. To support families during this time: we will ensure that the pastoral team are available to provide telephone support; provide access to educational activities that will support learning and provide a school meal to families in receipt of benefit related free school meals. These need to be ordered 24 hours in advance from the school office.

Although further industrial action is scheduled for the summer term, this is subject to change. I will ensure this provision is kept under constant review to ensure we minimize the disruption to our pupils' learning and continue to provide support to our community. Please continue to check the news section of our website and weekly newsletter for further updates.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support during these challenging times and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Yours Sincerely

Claire Silk
Principal

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