



25th April 2023

Strike Action 27th April and 2nd May 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for your patience while we have determined our approach to the next NEU strike days on **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May**. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to have all our students in school on these days and we will therefore be operating a partial closure as detailed below:

- **Students in 4NV, Year 1 (1SO, 1EH and 1AP) and Ash** will not be able to come to school. They should self-study at home using the resources already available through our subscriptions to a range of online platforms. We will be recirculating links to these platforms and details of how to reacquire log-in details prior to Thursday. They also have reading books to read. Identified vulnerable students in 4NV, Year 1 and Ash will be invited into school. This will be communicated with parents/carers by phone by the end of today. If you have not received communication by this time, then we are unable to offer a place to your child.
- As it stands at the moment, **all other** students should come to school as normal. (If this changes I will communicate with you on Thursday morning). Measures will be put into place across the school to ensure students are suitably supervised and supported across the day.
- For **4NV, Year 1 and Ash** students who are normally entitled to Free School Meals (this is not all Y1 and Ash class children, just those eligible) we will be providing packed lunches. They will be available at the end of Wednesday 26th April for students to take home and refrigerate for Thursday. A packed lunch will also be provided for those students on Tuesday 2nd May, however as Monday 1st May is a bank holiday, these will need to pre-ordered. A text will be sent shortly to those that are eligible with details on how to order a packed lunch.

We appreciate that some parents/carers will find this partial closure frustrating. The teaching profession is not unique in its proposed strike action, with other public sector professions also taking similar action. We place an extremely high value on the quality and continuity of education we provide for our students, alongside valuing our highly skilled and experienced staff and their right for their voice to be heard. The decision by teachers to strike has not been taken lightly at all by staff at Parkland and they are taking strike action for increased school funding to support increased costs of wages, resources, and utilities.

Education is not a business that makes money; it cannot simply increase costs to cover shortfalls in income/increased costs of services etc. Every increase comes from a reducing central pot of money, and this is what they feel it is necessary to strike for and to make a stand for.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher