

Friday 21 April 2023

Dear Parents

**Notification of Closure for majority of pupils on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May due to Strike Action**

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As you know from my previous letter this week, we have been informed by the NEU (National Education Union) that there will be strike action by their teacher members on **Thursday 27 April** and **Tuesday 2 May 2023**.

The strikes are happening due to members of the NEU voting by 98% to reject the government's recent pay offer. The offer meant that only 0.5% of the 4.5% suggested pay rise would be funded by the government, thus the rest would be from schools' existing budgets. Teachers do not want to disrupt learning any further, however, have expressed they feel they have no choice as they fear accepting the offer 'would harm their schools rather than their pockets.' Teachers continue to hope discussions take place to ensure the pay offer is fully funded and that no further action is required. Please note that none of our staff intending to strike are taking the decision to strike lightly and care significantly about the education of your children and the education of all children for the future.

Due to the fact that a significant number of staff are intending to strike and having assessed the impact on the school, I have made the decision that Grange Park Primary School will be closed to the **majority of pupils** on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May.

The school **will remain open for Year 6 on both days**. They have been prioritised as they are due to take formal assessments, as per the Government's guidance. **All Year 6 children will be expected to be in school** on these days (they are compulsory school days). Some may be taught in small revision groups by members of Grange Park staff.

Additionally **all year 2 classes** will be open on Thursday 27 April (which will be a compulsory school day). Kingfisher and Woodpecker will be going ahead with their prior planned event (trip to the National Gallery). As well as this, our **Nursery, Acorn Class** will also be open as usual on **both days**.

The school will continue to be open to **Vulnerable pupils** across the school (the office will be in touch to inform families of vulnerable pupils) as well as **pupils of NHS staff and any other emergency services** to protect public services on both days. If you are NHS staff or work for any other

emergency service, please contact the school office to let them know. We will then confirm the arrangements with you.

Due to the Inset day being on Friday 28 April, home learning for the school will be set earlier in the week. Please see information below for all other provisions:

Provision	Open Classes (Or invited vulnerable pupils/pupils of NHS staff and any other emergency service)	Closed Classes
<b>Extend Breakfast Club</b>	Remains open	Closed - The two sessions will be credited to the next term
<b>Extend After School Club</b>	Remains open	Remains open – please <a href="#">complete this form</a> by Monday 24 April to inform the school if you would like your child to come in and attend. On arrival, please bring your child to the Dining Hall at 3:25pm. The 27 April and 2 May sessions will be credited to the next term if your child is in a closed class and a form is not completed.
<b>Enrichment Clubs</b>	Remain open	Remains open - please <a href="#">complete this form</a> by Monday 24 April to inform the school if you would like your child to come in and attend. On arrival, please bring your child to the school office at 3:25pm. The 27 April and 2 May session will be refunded if your child is in a closed class and a form is not completed.
<b>The Pantry</b>	Continue to book your child/ren's meal choice as usual.	Cancel your child/ren's meal for the day to avoid a charge.

I appreciate that these arrangements may cause difficulties for some of our families and I appreciate your support for our teachers and the rest of our school community in these challenging times. Please note that our school is closed for an inset day on Friday 28 April and it is a bank holiday on Monday 1 May. School will be open as normal on Wednesday 3 May **and this day is a compulsory school day which your child should attend.** Thank you for your ongoing support.

With my very best wishes

Tijen Hassan  
 Headteacher