

Thursday 20th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Strike Action on Thursday 27th April

Following the previous teacher strikes in February, March and early April, the government offered teachers a new pay deal, which schools are expected to fund. As you may have seen in the media, the NEU have therefore announced that they will be holding strikes on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.

At Woodlands, as with the vast majority of schools in the country, we would not be able to afford to fund the proposed pay increase without any additional funding and this would have a detrimental impact on our ability to provide the necessary resources for our pupils.

It is important to remember that the strikes are happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over the lack of funding for schools which results in a lack of resources and pay and not because of any issues at our school. Teachers who choose to take strike action do so knowing that these days will be unpaid.

On Thursday 27th April:

Only pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 will be able to attend school.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals (**Year 6 only**), packed lunches will be delivered to classes by home time the day before the strike. These will need to be pre-ordered by 12:00pm on Friday 21st April for the strike day on 27th April as they need to be ordered by the catering company one week in advance of the strike. Pre-orders can be submitted through this Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/G8SbKZYq84Cynpxd8>

If pupils are not attending school they will be able to access online learning through Google Classroom. This will include links to online resources and games which they can use to continue to develop Reading, Writing and Maths skills.

If you do not have a device at home to access online learning, please speak to the school office, who may be able to provide you with a device.

Breakfast club and After School Care will continue to run as usual on this strike day.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, 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. Woodlands Academy 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 representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further. This may include contacting individual year groups about changes to circumstances.

If you have any questions, please contact myself or Miss Moxom via office@woodlands.ealing.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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