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Dear Parents/Carer,

As you may be aware, the NEU have planned further strike days during term 5. The planned dates "In the South East area, are scheduled for":

- Thursday 27th April
- Tuesday 2nd May

We anticipate that **school will be fully open for classes**. Staff who took strike action previously have chosen not to this time. As is often the case with teachers, they have made this decision because they are putting the needs of their classes before their own views. This has not been an easy decision for them. I'm sure you would join me in thanking them for this.

As per DFE guidance, schools are expected to remain open wherever possible, but only if there are sufficient staff available to do so safely. Whilst this will vary from school to school, it seems certain that the vast majority of schools will be affected again.

Those striking in other schools are keen to see a fully funded fair pay settlement for both teachers and support staff which does not further impinge on already stretched school budgets, so that the impact on schools and children is reduced.

We will keep all parents up to date if there are developments which emerge or of any changes between now and Wednesday 26th April 2023

Kind Regards,

Sarah Kent

Headteacher