

Tuesday 27 June 2023

Dear Parents

### **Notification of Closure for majority of pupils on Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July due to Strike Action**

Dear Parents

As you know from my letter last week, we have been informed by the NEU (National Education Union) that there will be strike action by their teacher members on **Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July 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 Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July. See below:

- **Only our Nursery, Acorn Class** will be **open** as usual on **both days**.
- **ALL** other classes will be **closed on both days**.
- **Sleepovers:** Ash, Willow and Leopard class sleepovers will be postponed to September. A new date will be sent out by the end of the term.
- **Ash Class Forest School Day:** This will be on Monday 3 July instead.
- **Daffodil Class Assembly:** This will be on **Thursday 13 July** at 9:05am in the round hall.

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.

Provision	Nursery 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 3 July 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 5 & 7 July 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 3 July 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 5 & 7 July sessions will be credited to the next term 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.

Home learning will be set on Thursday 6 July rather than Friday.

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. Thank you for your ongoing support.

With my very best wishes

Tijen Hassan  
**Headteacher**