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Dear Parents/Carers

You may be aware from media coverage and from my previous letters that teacher unions have announced strike action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023. This industrial action is taking place across the country which is linked to a national dispute rather than any local issue.

Given the expected impact on staffing levels in school, I just wanted to confirm the arrangements for **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May**.

School Closure:

- School will be **closed** for **Years 7, 8, 9 and 10**.
- **Years 7-10:** your child will be able to access learning resources on: Oak National Academy Online Learning platform:
Years 7-9: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-3>
Year 10: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-4>

Students may also use:

- [Videos and Worksheets – Corbettmaths](#): this website is aimed at supporting students with Maths and has worksheets and videos for each topic in Maths.
- [Secondary Homework Help | Online subjects - BBC Bitesize](#): this website also has additional resources and lessons for students in key stage 3 (Years 7-9) and key stage 4 (Year 10).

Free School Meals:

- For the strike day on Thursday 27th April, all students in **Years 7, 8, 9 and 10** will be able to collect packed lunches from Da Vinci (in The Bridge) at the **end of school on Wednesday 26th April**.
- For the strike day on Tuesday 2nd May, all students in **Years 7, 8, 9 and 10** will be able to collect packed lunches from the school canteen outside hatch between 11.45am and 12.15pm.

School Opening:

- On **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May** school will be **open** as normal for **Years 11, 12 and 13** students only.
- All students in school will be able to access food as normal in the canteen and school uniform will be expected. I am writing to the students in these year groups separately regarding specific arrangements for the days they are in school.
- I have also written separately to a number of students deemed as highly vulnerable from across all year groups who can come into school for the strike days.
- Lion King rehearsals will continue to take place for those students involved in the production who will be in school all day on Thursday 27th April. These students should arrive at 8.45am and go straight to registration in Da Vinci.



Any before and after school activities and music tuition will not take place on either of the strike days, with the exception of The Bridge production of the Lion King – the performances will continue to take place on the two scheduled dates at 7pm on Thursday 27th April and Friday 28th April.

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 any further. We apologise about the potential disruption to your child's education but as you are aware this action is part of a specific national agenda. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's College Director:

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Yours sincerely



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