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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware that the National Education Union (NEU) has declared further strike action for its members, which will take place on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May. The ongoing industrial action is taking place because of a national dispute between unions and the government over teachers' pay and school funding.

I'm writing to give you as much notice as possible about the arrangements in our school on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May, as some of our teachers have made the decision that they will be taking strike action on these two dates.

On **Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May**, the following classes will be **closed**:

Foundation Acorn

Foundation Oak

Year 1 Elm

Year 4 Alder

On **Thursday 27 April**, the following classes will be **open**:

Year 1 Willow

Year 2 Lime and Maple

Year 3 Cherry and Holly

Year 4 Ash

Year 5 Hazel and Rowan

Year 6 Birch and Sycamore

I will write out to you again on Tuesday 25 April to let you know about final arrangements for Tuesday 2 May, but I am letting you know now that **the four classes that are closing on 27 April will also be closed on 2 May**. Other teachers may make the decision to strike on this day too.

Please note – the parent consultation meetings for Foundation to Y5 that were scheduled for Tuesday 2 May will now be held on Tuesday 9 May instead. The booking system has been amended accordingly.

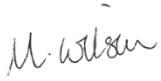
I am aware that families will have to make alternative arrangements for children at relatively short notice. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Those staff that have made the decision to strike have made this decision after much consideration and they are fully supported by their colleagues. As a school, we are concerned about the way education is being funded and believe that the current levels of funding that the sector receives as a whole are not adequate to provide a first-rate education system which meets the needs of all children and young people.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office and a member of the leadership team will get back to you. I will send out another letter next Tuesday to let you know if any other classes will be closing on Tuesday 2 May.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. Wilson'.

Mrs M Wilson

Headteacher