

21 April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Strike action by members of the National Education Union

I am writing to you about forthcoming strike action by the National Education Union (NEU), one of the main teaching trade unions. You may have seen coverage of this in the news, and I wanted to inform you about the impact this is likely to have at our school.

There are two strike days that are likely to affect schools in this area, which are:

- Thursday 27 April 2023
- Tuesday 02 May 2023

Elmgrove will again be PARTIALLY OPEN on THURSDAY 27th April and TUESDAY 2nd May.

On Thursday 27th April the school will be:

Open only to the following classes, but closed to all other pupils

Classes open ALL DAY 8.45am -3.15pm

Nursery Tingatinga and Hepworth
Reception Monet
Reception Hockney
Reception O'Keefe
Reception Kusama
1 Blake
1 Kunmanara
2 Carle
2 Goldsworthy
2 Lowry
2 Kandinsky
3 Shoa
3 Rousseau
3 Hokusai
4 Hadid

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Some vulnerable pupils will be in school and they will be contacted separately. All other classes will be closed all day.

On Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Classes open ALL DAY 8.45am -3.15pm

Nursery Tingatinga and Hepworth
Reception Monet
Reception Hockney
Reception Kusama
2 Carle
2 Goldsworthy
3 Shoa
3 Rousseau
3 Hokusai
4 Hadid
5 Matisse
5 Gaudi

Classes open 8.45am -12.15pm *Hot Lunch will be in school

3 Mondrian

This Year 3 class should be collected from the office at 12:15pm after they have eaten their lunch.

Classes open afternoon only from 12.45pm- 3.15pm *Hot Lunch will be in school

5 Singh Twins
5 Kahlo

My child usually receives a free school meal – can they still get it?

Any child who would usually receive a free school meal will be provided with a packed lunch on Wednesday 26th April for the strike day on Thursday 27th April.

For the strike day on Tuesday 2nd May, those children not due in school that day will be able to collect a packed lunch from Main Reception between the hours of 11:00am and 12:00pm on Tuesday 2nd May. If your child is in school for part of the day, they will receive their meal in school.

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Unfortunately, we do not have capacity to cater for Key Workers.

Remote learning

Children will continue to have access to all their online platforms BugClub, MyMaths, Accelerated Reader, Spelling Shed etc. However, please note that teachers who are on strike **will not** prepare or set work for pupils on strike days.

You can make use of some of these websites also:

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Oak Academy - <https://classroom.thenational.academy/>
White Rose Maths - <https://whiterosemaths.com/>
BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>
PE with Jo Wicks - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8uBfGUEk5c>
Times Tables Rock Stars - <https://trockstars.com/>

Additionally:

- There will be no after school clubs that day (refunds or additional dates will be processed)
- Magna breakfast and after school club will contact parents separately
- Please cancel your lunch bookings

School will open as normal on Friday 28th April and Wednesday 3rd May (Monday 1st May is a BANK HOLIDAY – school is CLOSED to all children on that day)

I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and I ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. The action is intended to ensure the profession remains able to offer high quality provision, and to aid schools' long-term efforts to recruit and retain high quality staff. Teachers are not required to let me know that they are striking until the morning of the strike, but I thank them for helping me to navigate the disruptions as best I can, providing us all with time to plan. We continue to hope for a resolution that will avert potential further action and thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Yours sincerely

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