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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that one of the teaching unions organised a new set of dates for strike action, which will take place on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. We have now been informed that a number of our teaching staff have decided to take strike action. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government not because of any issues at our school.

Our teachers have not made this decision lightly. They are increasingly concerned about the retention and recruitment of teaching staff. Teachers also do not want any pay increases which would impact the school budget.

We are getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for the strike action.

We are very sorry that there is no other option but to shut some classes. Therefore, the following classes will be closed on Thursday 27th April:

- Year 1 Padua
- Year 5 Lisbon
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The following classes will be closed on Tuesday 2nd May:

- Nursery
- Year 1 Padua
- Year 5 Padua

We are sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice. We understand that this situation may be frustrating but ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

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The classes affected will be provided work via Teams for the day. The optional activities set for children at home will be the same as activities carried out in school by the other class in the year group. The usual curriculum will NOT take place. All other classes will be open, and we expect those children to attend school.

Breakfast and afterschool club payments will be credited for that day for the children affected.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and we will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

We appreciate your understanding during this time.

Yours sincerely,

Elaine Harrold *Imogen Barrett Walsh*

Headteacher

Chair of Governors