



Thursday 20th April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Strike Action

The National Education Union (NEU -the largest teaching union in England) recently proposed new dates for further strike action. The dates are:

Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.

The majority of NEU members at Harrington Hill Primary have indicated that they intend to take strike action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.

Please understand that teachers are striking against the national education policy and resourcing in schools and not against the children they work so hard for every day.

In taking strike action, staff are sacrificing their pay. At a time of financial tension, this sacrifice is not taken lightly. Striking staff are hoping that the action will encourage progress in the negotiation process.

Year 6

As you know, Year 6 will be taking their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) in the second week of May. In order to ensure Year 6 pupils are given the best possible chance of success in the tests, **Year 6 class will be open on Strike Action days.**

The school will be closed to all pupils in Nursery, Reception and Years 1-5 on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May.

I am sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education and I understand that this situation may be frustrating. When making any decisions to close the school, please be aware that there are many factors I must consider. This includes the health and safety aspects of a reduced staff capacity including adequate supervision, necessary first aid cover and the required safeguarding provision.

Harrington Hill remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our children and delivering high-quality teaching and learning experiences.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Kennedy
Head of School