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Dorin Park School and Specialist SEN College

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NEU Strike Days and Dorin Park School – Thu 27th April and Tue 2nd May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have further NEU Teachers' Strike Action days coming up this half term on **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May (following the May Day Bank Holiday Monday)**.

As you know, the planned action is as a result of a national dispute between the unions and the government, and not against Dorin Park School. However it is important that we respond accordingly in the interests of the students whilst respecting the rights of all staff.

In accordance with this, **Dorin Park School will be closed to all but a small group of our most vulnerable pupils and a small number of classes, determined by staff availability**. This decision is based on a risk assessment of the number of staff in school and the needs of children and families. **All pupils expected to attend on both days / either day have been notified via text.**

Our teachers have kindly been clear with us about their intentions, and this has helped us to plan for the day taking into account the complex needs of our pupils and their families. This risk assessment also takes into account the availability of support staff whose young children are affected by strike action in their own schools, and the current level of staff sickness absence.

We appreciate that industrial action is disruptive. We will of course continue to monitor the arrangements in place and adapt where possible.

To this end, whilst we know that parents will support the strike action, as you understand that the continual underfunding of schools has had a huge impact not just on staff but on pupils and families too, **please advise us if you feel we have overlooked an aspect of your child's or family's vulnerability**. You can contact parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk or call and speak to Maxine Nevitt, our Family Liaison Officer, on the school number.

Yours sincerely,

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