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Dear Parents / Carers

Industrial Action Thursday 27th April 2023

Hopefully you will have already seen the Parent Briefing released this week, giving extra context to the events unfolding around Industrial Action in schools and how this will affect Willow Dene. You will, I am sure have heard from the media coverage over the holiday that the National Education Union has announced two further days of strike action the first being on Thursday 27th April 2023.

We now know that the action on Thursday 27th April 2023 will cause significant disruption to the running of the school and will result in Willow Dene School being closed to children at Swingate Lane and Oakmere Road.

As well as members taking part in the strike action, we have many support staff who will be affected because of the action in their own children's school. We have also been significantly and unexpectedly impacted by growing numbers on picket lines outside school, resulting in more support staff refusing to cross the picket lines. Using the predicted numbers that we have; we know it will not be possible for us to open the school safely to children.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support and understanding of such a complex situation. We will re-assess the situation for the next strike which is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Harrison
Executive Head Teacher of
Willow Dene School