



21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will probably be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has announced the results from their ballot and that the teachers who are members will be commencing strike action.

This action will take place on the following dates:

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April (national strike)

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (national strikes)

The NEU states that the reason for the ballot was: 'a result of failure by the Secretary of State in England and the employers in Wales to ensure enough money is available to pay a fully-funded increase in pay for teachers which at least matches inflation, and which begins to restore lost pay.'

Whether our staff choose to exercise their right to strike is a personal matter. Staff do not have to inform school of their intention to strike until the actual day of the strike. This means that schools have to risk assess the potential disruption and make the necessary arrangements. Other non-striking unions have issued guidance to their members about how they should respond, including not to cover for striking colleagues.

The staff at Britannia work extremely hard to ensure that your children receive the very best education, support and care and they do not wish to disrupt this. The action they decide to take is not one that will be taken lightly, and is one that they ultimately believe does have the best interests of the children at its heart.

With all of this in mind, at present, school will be closed to the following classes on the **27<sup>th</sup> April:**

- **Reception**

and on **2nd May:**

- **Reception**
- **Year 4**

The rest of the school will be open as normal on this day and your child should attend school at the usual time.



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Further information regarding the future dates will follow in due course.

Remote learning will not be set for the children in these classes. However, children do have access to online resources such as Century Tech and TTRockstars/Numbots if they wish to complete any challenges online during this day.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, a packed lunch will be available to collect from school at 12:00pm. Please can parents ring the school office to let us know if you will be collecting a lunch, so this can be organised.

**Should there be any further changes, I will endeavour to inform you as soon as possible.**

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Yours faithfully

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