



Sissinghurst VA Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for next week, **Thursday 27th April and the following week on Tuesday 2nd May.**

Whilst the teachers are not obligated to inform the school leaders regarding their intention to strike, we would suggest that you have alternative arrangements in place on the off chance these are required should the class/classes have to close. The school is going to be open for children whose teachers are not on strike.

We will send a Study bug message by the evening of **Wednesday 26th April and Monday 1st May** with further information if your child's class will be closed the following day. We will prioritise children who are vulnerable, those who have an EHCP, and those with key workers as parents. At this point I can confirm the classes that will remain open - **Leopards, Giraffes and Lions.**

We appreciate that industrial action is disruptive, and understand the difficulties this may create for parents. I ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect throughout this period.

Remote Learning

Teachers who are on strike will not prepare or set work for pupils on strike days. However, here are links to remote learning that you might find useful for your child if you would like them to complete some learning tasks.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>
<https://teachers.thenational.academy/key-stages>

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause disruption to many families. A national strike by teachers is very unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the days that they are on strike.

The NEU has posted a document for parents, carers and grandparents that explains their reasons for taking strike action. It can be found at <https://neu.org.uk/media/24511/view> if you wish to read it.

Thank you

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