

# West Green Primary School

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26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**By e-mail**

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Strike days on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023, and Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

**At a glance:**

	<b>In school?</b>
<b>Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<u>All Pupils as normal.</u> PE as normal, after school clubs as normal.
<b>Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 in school. Year 1 and 2 PE as normal.  <b>Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 not in school.</b> <b>No after school club for Year 3 and 4.</b>

As we confirmed previously, all pupils will be in school on the forthcoming teacher strike day on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The Year 3 trip will be going ahead as planned.

**We can now confirm that the Year 3, 4 and 5 classes will be closed on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.**

As before we will be making a small class of vulnerable pupils who can attend school. If you have previously been offered a place for your child when their class was closed and wish to take this up again, please contact the office to confirm this.

We are grateful to all teachers for giving us advance notice of their intentions. The decision to strike (or not) is not as simple as it seems at first, and we respect the choices the teachers have decided to make.

It's important to point out that one of the reasons the teaching unions rejected the government's recent pay offer was that only one ninth of it was proposed to be funded (0.5% out of 4.5%). As you well know from recent communications, and the 'gofundme' kindly being run at the moment on behalf of the school, many schools are facing a challenging time financially. **If we have to meet unfunded or part-funded pay rises for staff, that ultimately means we can afford fewer staff, which directly affects your child's education. This means that the teacher strikes are on your behalf as well.** As always, the teachers have the best interests of the children they teach at heart.

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If you have any questions about the strikes or your child's attendance at school, please ask to speak to Mrs Chapman or myself by enquiring at the school office.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Hodgson', followed by a long, horizontal, wavy flourish.

Mr A Hodgson  
**Headteacher**