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GILES JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Wednesday, 08 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Strike Action Wednesday 15th March 2023 and Thursday 16th March 2023 – Class closures

Currently the following classes will be closed for the days listed below.

3 Sweden	Weds 15 th March and Thurs 16 th March
3 Italy	Thurs 16 th March only
4 Australia	Weds 15 th March and Thurs 16 th March
4 Zambia	Weds 15 th March and Thurs 16 th March
5 Turkey	Weds 15 th March and Thurs 16 th March
5 Finland	Weds 15 th March and Thurs 16 th March
6 India	Weds 15 th March only

Those pupils in receipt of a Free School Meal will have further communication prior to Wednesday. If any further information comes to light, we will inform families affected prior to Wednesday. Any pupils of classes not affected by the strike will be expected to attend school as usual.

On the morning of the strike, there may be further closures and at short notice we are unable to cover this with agency staff due to high volume of cover needed on this day. **Therefore, please make sure you check email and phones for any information, which will be passed on to you by 7:45am at the latest.**

I know parents will face inconvenience and we know the disruption is a concern. We hope that parents will feel able to support the intentions of the strike, which many other public service sectors have also felt they had no choice but to take. While the Government had honoured a pay rise (which was less than inflation) this pay rise was implemented **with no additional funding given** to schools to cover it which was an unplanned expenditure. This has had a devastating impact on what we can offer our children and moving forward if it is not addressed will not affect one day of education but potentially years of education where we cannot offer the curriculum, staffing levels and opportunities which we have been able to thus far.

If further proposed strikes are planned we will write with further details nearer the time.

Should there be talks between the Unions and this is resolved then the strike will be called off.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Louise Whitby
Headteacher

