



19th April 2023

Dear families of Avanti Gardens children,

I'm sure many of you will be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has declared further strike action, which will take place on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023. I am writing to give you as much notice as possible of the significant impact of the action on Avanti Gardens School. While the planned action is because of a national dispute between unions and the Government, and not specifically Avanti Schools Trust or its schools, it is important that we respond accordingly in the interests of our children whilst respecting the rights of our staff. In anticipation of these two further days of action, please find below our plan for **both days**:

Years One, Two, Three and Four: SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED

Children in these year groups will be asked to access their learning remotely on both days. Further details of this learning will be sent out prior to both strike days. Any vulnerable students, who will not be on site on the day of the strikes, can be provided with a packed lunch on the strike day which will be available from the school office.

EYFS and Years Five and Six: SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN

Children in EYFS and Years Five and Six, will be able to access their learning in school as normal. Senior Leaders, some Teaching Staff and Support Staff will be supporting learning in these classes. Break and lunch times will operate with appropriate supervision in place in the normal way.

Vulnerable Children and children whose parents are **NHS critical workers** will be able to attend school as normal. Mrs Rogers and the school office will contact families of vulnerable children over the coming days to confirm their attendance on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023. If you are an NHS critical worker and wish for your child in Years One, Two, Three or Four to attend school, can you please contact the school office with proof of your employment before a place can be offered.

Thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any further questions, please contact the school office.

Best wishes,
Mr Penny

Principal

