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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your patience while I waited for staff to inform me of their plans for the upcoming strike days on 15<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> March.

The plan is to open the school on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023** to:

Robins – in full

Kingfishers – for EHCP, FSM (this is for children who are FSM according to Government Gateway and not due to infant free school meals) and critical worker children **all day**.

Owls – for EHCP, FSM and critical worker children – **all day**.

Ospreys – in full

The plan is to open the school on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023** to:

Robins – in full

Kingfishers – for EHCP, FSM (this is for children who are FSM according to Government Gateway and not due to infant free school meals) and critical worker children – **until 1pm only. Please collect the children from the office at 1pm.**

Owls – for EHCP, FSM and critical worker children – **all day**. Swimming will still go ahead and the children will be accompanied by myself, Mrs Dibb and Miss Chen.

Any Owls who do not fall into the above categories are able to join us at Waterlooville Horizon Leisure Centre for their swimming lesson at 1pm. Please meet us at the pool for 12.40pm. The session will finish at 1:30pm and the children would need to be collected for 1.45pm. **We need to know by Tuesday 12pm if you are planning to bring your child to the pool.** We appreciate this may be tricky but wanted to be able to offer it to those who would like/are able to join.

Ospreys – in full

As Headteacher, I fully support and respect individual staff members' decision in relation to the strike action. All staff found it an incredibly difficult decision to make and have taken the action to strike due to the continuing pressures and demands on schools' budgets. We will not be setting remote learning, however if you wish for your child to learn from home, they can access educational websites via our school website. The children have been learning about plastic pollution over this term and I will add some websites/documents that they can signposted to for some activities they could do. All classes have received information about their current areas of learning, and children could complete research into these areas should they wish.

We expect children in classes not impacted by the strike to attend school as usual. Any one absent for an open class will be recorded as unauthorised unless it is due to normal reasons such as illness. I know that this can make things difficult for parents with children split across open/closed classes. I have to keep as many classes open as I can and unfortunately do not have the staff to fully open the classes where teachers are choosing to strike. The open classes will be carrying on their learning as normal which is why any absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

### **Kingfisher and Owl Parents**

For Kingfishers and Owls pupils who fall into the above categories, activities not related to their current learning journeys will be provided for the time they are in. **Please confirm by Tuesday 12pm, if your child has an EHCP or in receipt of FSM, whether you will be taking up their offered place.**

For Critical Care places, due to staffing arrangements, we will be prioritising those where **both** parents are:

1. Emergency Services such as doctors, nurses, paramedics, fire and police staff
2. Health and Social Care
3. Education and Social Care

Due to this, we will prioritise those spaces where **both** parents meet the criteria AND who have not found alternative childcare. **Please contact the school by Tuesday 12pm** to request a space. We will then confirm if a space is available by the end of the school day on Tuesday. Please detail how you, and any other parent in the household meet the above criteria.

I'm sorry that some of you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and I ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other respectfully.

Kind regards,

*A. Blower*

Mrs Blower