



# ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

**Ref: Potential school closure on Thursday, 27 April and Tuesday, 2 May 2023**

I am sorry to interrupt your Easter break with your children.

I write to alert you to the fact that, in light of the ongoing unresolved dispute of Teachers' Unions with the central government over pay and schools' funding, further strike action has been announced for two days next term:

- Thursday, 27 April 2023
- Tuesday, 2 May 2023 (this day would follow a Bank Holiday Monday)

**As a result, Abbot's Lea School is likely to close again to all students on those dates.**

Should the Trade Unions call off the strike action at any point prior to, or during the 2-day action, we would review our risk assessment, with the view of remaining open.

If, however, the strike action does go ahead, we are likely to have to close, as would have insufficient numbers of staff reporting for work to provide safe and efficient education to the students and to adequately meet their complex special educational needs.

These likely staff shortages would also mean that I could not guarantee my staff team a safe working environment.

I realise that this is a very unusual year in this regard, and, apart from the concerns for the students, whose education is interrupted, many families will struggle with taking time off work to care for their children on the days of the school closure. I am sincerely sorry for this and I assure you that I will only close the school if necessary.

I will update you again upon our return to school on Monday, 17 April, but I felt it appropriate to alert you to the news and the two dates in question as soon as possible, to help with forward-planning.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Hildrey  
Headteacher