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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (teaching union) has declared additional strike action, which will take place across April and May this year, the next confirmed dates are **Thursday 27th April** and **Tuesday 2nd May**. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers’ pay, and not because of any issues at our school or with the Trust. The recent government offer was reject by the unions.

I am sorry to inform you that Soundwell Academy will be closed on **Thursday 27th April** and **Tuesday 2nd May**. We are asking you not to send your child to school on this day.

If your child qualifies for free school meals, you will automatically be sent a supermarket voucher of £3.00 for each eligible child for the days of closure.

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our young people and feel that we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available.

On Friday 28th April we have our second Annual review day. Work will be sent home and all pupils will work from home on that day.

**Bank Holidays**

Monday 1st May

Monday 8th May (Additional for the Coronation)

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Dale – 01174280505 / [Info@soundwell.learnmat.uk](mailto:Info@soundwell.learnmat.uk).

Kind regards,

Craig Abbs,

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