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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been notified by one of our parents that a National School Strike for Palestine has been arranged and will take place on Thursday 28th November 2024, outside school at 2.30pm.

As you will be aware from our last letter about a protest, we cannot be drawn into politics. School is an apolitical organisation and wishes to retain an impartial and neutral standpoint. Our School offers children, young people, and staff a safe environment in which to learn and work.

We are doing all we can to try to ensure that there are no health and safety issues for the school, and we have had confirmation that there will be a police presence again alongside Highways Officers to ensure the protest is peaceful and that everyone is safe.

As everyone knows, we take school attendance very seriously and although we have no legal right to stop a parent from removing their child from school, we are very strong advocates that attendance at school matters, each and every day. It is for this reason that we would urge all parents to carry on as normal tomorrow and bring their children to school.

Should any parent make the decision to take their child to the protest we would be grateful for advance warning of this.

The school's position in this matter is very clear. We are not involved. We want our children to be in school learning in a calm and supportive environment and we want to ensure that we keep everyone safe.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support and understanding in this matter.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Kirsty Hutchinson
Head Teacher