

# GSK workers at Barnard Castle begin strike ballot today



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More than 150 workers at pharmaceutical giant GSK begin voting on strike action today.

The Industrial action ballot, involving staff at the company's Barnard Castle site, in the North East, will end on 8 April.

Workers have already overwhelmingly turned down a below inflation pay offer of 4 per cent.



If they vote to strike the workers, who produce vaccines and medicines, could walk out at the end of April.

As workers struggle with the cost-of-living crisis, GSK CEO **Emma Walmsley** enjoyed a 17 per cent pay rise, to a whopping £8.2 million a year.



**Julie Wynn, GMB Organiser, said:**

"GSK's seem not to care about the incredibly efforts and sacrifices workers have made keeping the site running during the pandemic.

"Instead, the top brass appears content to trouser a small fortune while expecting the workers who keep their empire afloat to swallow a real terms pay cut.

"We face the worst drop in living standards for 50 years. Instead of giving loyal GSK workers their support, they have shown them contempt and disdain.

"This strike ballot is the inevitable result."

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