



# SHARPS COPSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Our ref: SCPN Industrial Action –  
7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

4<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

## INDUSTRIAL ACTION: Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

The National Education Union voted to take further strike action on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. At the present time, I can confirm that as a result of this national industrial action, we will not be able to open the school fully as detailed below:

**Friday, 7th July – school will be closed to children in Zebra Shark class.**

**Children/siblings in the other year groups/classes should continue to come into school as usual.**

For those parents/carers who are **critical workers** and have **no other alternative arrangements** we will endeavour to provide cover for your children. This will not be their usual curriculum or classwork, it will be activity-based sessions. If spaces have to be prioritised due to staffing levels and health and safety requirements, priority will be given to those working in front line positions for health, social care, education and key public services. To request a place there is a form attached for you to complete and return by email to [adminoffice@sharpscopse.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@sharpscopse.hants.sch.uk); or you can collect one from the office.

**Forms must be completed and returned by midday on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Please only request a space if it is absolutely essential and securing a place on the last date(s) does not automatically secure a place this time; please re-apply again.**

Our breakfast club and after school club will continue to run as normal.

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. A national strike by teachers is very unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the days that they are on strike.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office or the team on the playground if you have a query.

Yours sincerely



Mike Elsen  
Headteacher

**INDUSTRIAL ACTION – FRIDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023**  
**SCHOOL PLACES FOR CRITICAL WORKER CHILDREN IN**  
**ZEBRA SHARK CLASS**

Please provide details of all your children in school, your contact details and your employers details only if you require a school place and have **no other alternative arrangements**.

**This form must be returned by email to [adminoffice@sharpscopse.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@sharpscopse.hants.sch.uk) or by hand to the School Office by midday on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

<b>CHILD'S NAME</b>	<b>CLASS</b>

<b>PARENT/CARER NAME</b>	<b>CONTACT NUMBER</b>	<b>PLACE OF WORK</b>

**Completion of this form does not guarantee a place, due to health and safety levels that will need to be met in school.**