



SHARPS COPSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SCPN Industrial Action – 1st Feb 2023

30th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

INDUSTRIAL ACTION: Wednesday 1st February 2023

As mentioned in my previous letter, the National Education Union have voted to take strike action on Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023.

I can confirm that as a result of this national industrial action, we will not be able to open the school on Wednesday 1st February for children in Year 1 or children in Year 3/4. We will provide further information about the other dates as soon as we are able to. Children/siblings in the other year groups 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@sharpscopseshants.sch.uk; or you can collect one from the office or request one comes home with your child. Forms **must be completed and returned by midday on Tuesday 31st January**. Please only request a space if it is absolutely essential.

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 – WEDNESDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY 2023

SCHOOL PLACES FOR CRITICAL WORKER CHILDREN IN YRS 1 & YRS 3/4

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 or by hand to the School Office by midday on Tuesday, 31st January.

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| <u>PARENT/CARER NAME</u> | <u>CONTACT NUMBER</u> | <u>PLACE OF WORK</u> |
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Completion of this form does not guarantee a place, due to health and safety levels that will need to be met in school.