



# SHARPS COPSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure you have seen in the press, the National Education Union (NEU) have confirmed they are intending to take strike action. The dispute is with the government but as it is the largest teaching union, this is likely to have an impact on our school on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February
- Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March

This letter is to provide you with advanced notice about the first day of strike, 1<sup>st</sup> February, as your child's learning could be disrupted on this day.

We are working hard on a contingency plan to have partial opening in some year groups, if we are unable to fully open for all children. Education is the priority that will inform our plans and I will write again as soon as I know more to advise you further. However, due to the nature of the law around industrial action you should be aware that I may not be in a position to inform you of final arrangements until much closer to the day, or potentially even on the strike day itself. Paramount is the health and safety of all our children, young people and colleagues which will come first in our decision making.

As a precautionary measure, we would ask that you consider alternative childcare arrangements now, should we be in a situation where we have no option but to partially close the school.

We recognise and respect the right of our staff to take part in industrial action and ask that all members of our community continue to treat each other with respect during this period of strike action.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding during this difficult and challenging time and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Best Wishes

Mr Elsen  
Headteacher

