



Midsomer Norton Primary School

'Part of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has decided to take industrial action. The industrial action relates to teacher members of the NEU and is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay and funding.

Strike action will take place on the following dates: Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023. I am writing to give you as much notice as possible so that you can make suitable arrangements for your child.

The school will be significantly impacted by the strike action and will be closed for most pupils Reception - Year 6.

The school will remain open for key children. Parents of these children will be contacted directly. If you are not contacted by Friday lunchtime and feel that your child does fall into this category, please contact the school office.

School will also be open for children where both parents /carers are **frontline** critical workers and no alternative childcare is available. If you are in this category, please telephone the school office to confirm your child's school place on these dates by Friday 27th January.

Sunbeams Nursery and Sun class will remain open as usual on these dates.

Breakfast Club, After School Care will operate as usual.

Drop off/ Pick up: Children attending Reception/ Sun Pre-School and Sunbeams Nursery should enter school via the normal entrances. All children in Year 1 - Year 6 should enter school via the top playground.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Midsomer Norton Primary School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions regarding practical arrangements, please contact our office manager Daisy Nicholls, at 01761 412 289.

Thank you very much for your understanding and support.

Kind regards

Alun Randell

Executive Head