



# Monksdown Primary School

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Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear parents/carers

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU Teaching Union have declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023. As we have over 20 teachers in the NEU and after a thorough risk assessment we have had to make the difficult decision to close school to ALL Pupils on that day.

Any absences on strike days will be authorised.

We will provide a packed lunch, for the strike day, for any child who would like to take one home (this is not just for children who are on free school meals). This will be available at 'hometime' on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Please fill in the slip below and return it to school by Monday if your child would like a packed lunch.

I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Monksdown 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 representative to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

Please also note there are three further days of strike action planned and further information regarding school closure or partial closure will be shared with you nearer the time.

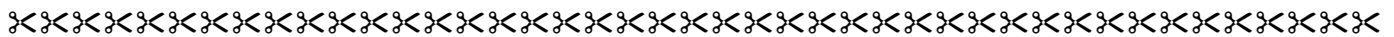
**Tuesday 28th February**

**Wednesday 15th March**

**Thursday 16th March**

Kind regards,

Mrs J. Price  
**Head Teacher**



My child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ would like a packed lunch for the strike day on 1.2.23  
(please state if vegetarian or any allergies)

