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Dear Parent/Carer

Bents Green School will be closed on Wednesday 1st February 2023, to the majority of students.

As you may know, the National Education Union (NEU) has authority from its ballot to call members to strike on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st February
- Tuesday 28th February
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

We have a significant number of staff who are members of this union, and we won't know the number of staff taking part in any industrial action until the morning of the strike. We have also taken into consideration that our workforce may have children whose schools could be closed, and this impacts on their ability to attend work.

The health and safety of students is of paramount importance, and we have to assess risk based on the number of staff available on site, plus the familiarity of those staff to our students. After careful consideration, we are writing to confirm that **Bents Green School will be closed on Wednesday 1st February 2023, to the majority of students.** The Parents/Carers of the students we are able to accommodate will be contacted separately by 3:30pm on Friday 27th January.

School will liaise fully with Sheffield Transport Services about arrangements for Wednesday 1st February.

The impact of strike action on Wednesday 1st February will play a pivotal role in informing our planning for future strike dates. Whilst we respect a trade union's right to strike, we also apologise for the inconvenience and uncertainty this causes for families, and hope you understand the decisions that have been made.

Yours sincerely

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