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Dear Parent/Carer

Bents Green School will be closed to the majority of students on Tuesday 28th February 2023

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

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

We have a significant number of staff that are members of this union, and we will not know the number of staff taking part in any industrial action until the morning of the strike. Further information we cannot gather is how many staff in other schools are going on strike. This, in turn, impacts on our whole workforce: where an employee has a child of school age, they may not know until the morning of the 28th February whether their child's school is open or not, which in turn impacts 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 will be saying that **Bents Green School will be closed on February 28th 2023, to the majority of students.** The students we can accommodate will be contacted separately by 15:30 on Friday 24th February.

School will liaise fully with Sheffield Transport Services about arrangements for Tuesday 28th February.

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.

If there is a change, and we are able fully open the school we will inform you via text and the school website as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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