



## Bents Green School

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Dear parent/carer

### Strike Action Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July 2023

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

– Wednesday 5th July

Friday 7th July

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 27<sup>th</sup> of April whether their child's school is open or not, which in turn 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 will be saying that **Bents Green School will be closed on 5th and 7th July 2023, to the majority of students.** The students we can accommodate will be contacted separately by 15:30 on 27 June.

School will liaise fully with transport services about arrangements on these days.

Whilst we respect a trade union's right to strike, we also apologise for the inconvenience and continuing uncertainty this causes for families, and hope you understand the decisions that have been made.

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

Yours sincerely

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