



# Upper Beeding Primary School

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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. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over lack of school funding and teachers' pay.

**Teaching staff at Upper Beeding have now notified me that they are all exercising their legal right to take industrial action, and the strike will therefore affect all classes.**

**I'm sorry to inform you that Upper Beeding Primary School will be closed on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. We are asking you not to send your child into school on this day.**

We have not taken this decision to close lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and feel that we would be unable to provide this with the staff we have available.

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.

We are working closely with our staff to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further. I will also keep you informed about the next three planned dates for industrial action which are:

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Andrews via the school office at [office@upperbeedingprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@upperbeedingprimary.co.uk)

Kind regards,

Matt Andrews

Head Teacher

