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Dear Parents and Carers

**NEU National Teaching Strike
TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

Following a carefully considered risk assessment Sabden Primary School **will have a partial closure in the morning and full closure in the afternoon on Tuesday 28 February** as follows:

Nursery – no nursery provision will be available for the full day on 28 February 2023. We are unable to offer provision to any Nursery child on this date due to the statutory legislation regarding training and qualifications and so please do not send your nursery aged child into school on this day.

Reception to Year 6 – children in these year groups can attend school in the morning until 12.30pm. They will arrive at school as normal, have their usual lunch in school and then **must** be collected at 12.30pm. No school provision is available during the afternoon.

The decisions made are purely on the basis of health and safety and the number of adults able to supervise the children over lunch and then into the afternoon. We are a small school with a small staff and whilst this is usually a great advantage at times like this we simply cannot provide the cover needed to look after all our children safely.

Should any of the non-striking staff be unable to attend school this day (due to illness etc) school would have to have a full closure as it would be unsafe to open. Please make sure that you keep an eye out for any texts that may come through before school starts on the 28 February.

I am also aware that the teaching unions are meeting with the Gillian Keegan, Secretary of State for Education over the weekend and that the strike may be called off if a resolution is agreed. If there are changes to the proposed strike you will be informed on Monday 27 February, if not please assume that the industrial action will take place as advised.

Please note that the next days of industrial action will be 2 consecutive days on both Wednesday 15 March AND Thursday 16 March. I would recommend that you make some provisional arrangements for childcare due to the possibility of school having to close.

Yours sincerely,

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