



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

ASHURST CE AIDED 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 1st February. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over lack of school funding for teachers' pay and not because of any issues at our school.

Following discussions with school staff, the strike will affect all our classes at Ashurst CE Aided Primary School. I'm sorry therefore to inform you that Ashurst CE Aided Primary School will be closed on Wednesday 1st February. We are asking you not to send your child/ren into school on this day.

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. We have not taken this decision lightly.

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 the Union 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 which are on: Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs S Smith via the school office
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Kindest regards

Mrs S Smith

Headteacher