

Somerset County Council



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“Where Children Come First.”

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Industrial Action Thursday 2nd March

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union have declared strike action, which will take place on Thursday 2nd March. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government. This is over teachers' pay and conditions and the fact that any pay rise has to be funded from the current school budget, (which means we have less money to spend on your children) and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm sorry to inform you that Shepton Mallet Infants' School will be closed on Thursday 2nd March. We are asking you not to send your child into school on this day. The Nursery will remain open.

We have not taken this decision 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 union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further. We do not yet have any information about the other proposed strike dates of 15th and 16th March.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office on office@sheptoninfants.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Honoria Thompson

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