



Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching union have declared strike action, which will take place on a number of dates in February and March 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm sorry to inform you that both Sandbank and Valley Nursery Schools will be closed on the first of these dates, tomorrow, Wednesday 1st February 2023. We are asking you not to send your child into school on this day.

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

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

If you require further information and support, please speak to your child's teacher.

Kind regards,

Mr Barry Dutton

Chair of Governors Sandbank and Valley Nursery Schools Federation