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Dear Parents and carers,

Earlier this week I alerted you to the dates of planned teacher strikes coming up in the next month. Although we support our teachers with their decisions and as leaders we were surprised that not all teaching unions were involved this time, we do appreciate the disruption this causes to our children and their families. **Funding in schools is at a level where we cannot avoid making significant and unconscionable cuts to the provision we provide. The service cuts, increased costs of living and reduced school budgets are too great and threaten children's education.**

Safety and continuation of learning is our top priority, we will work hard to establish a continued understanding of how the strike action may affect our usual arrangements, whilst adhering to the strike action regulations.

We know that it will be impossible to run as normal on all the strike days, we will endeavor to operate as normally as possible but will prioritise our vulnerable students and critical workers wherever possible. However, despite this we believe we will not have sufficient staffing levels to operate safely and therefore on **Wednesday 1st February our Foundation and Yr1/2 classes will be closed to all pupils.**

We believe we will be open to all classes on **Thursday 2nd and 16th March**. This may change as we receive more information, but we aim to provide you with as much notice as possible.

We are currently anticipating **closing the Foundation and Yr1/2 classes on Wednesday 15th March**, with the exception of vulnerable students and those whose parents are critical workers.

If your child is considered to be vulnerable pupils (Child we care for, Pupil Premium, SEND or subject to a child protection plan) and/or you are a critical worker (Doctor, Nurse, Fire, Police, Childcare or Teaching).

Please let the office know via email at office@sps.w-berks.sch.uk indicating your criteria and whether you require your child to attend school for part of the day or whole. Please be aware that we cannot guarantee that we will be able to offer your child a place in school.

We will keep you updated with any changes. We are working with local and national support guidance as well as employment law support from our HR company.

Kind regards,

Miss Roberts Mr Lowery
Headteacher Chair of Governors