



27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear parents,

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union has declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 academy. As I promised in my previous communication last week, I am now in a position to confirm the effect of the industrial action on Oasis Academy Sholing.

**I am sorry to inform you that Oasis Academy Sholing will be partially closed on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

At present the school will be open for vulnerable students and those with an EHCP only.

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students, and do not consider this to be possible with the staff we have available. There will be on site provision for lunch as normal for those students attending. Sodexo, our catering provider, has confirmed that there will lunch bags available for collection from the school site for those in receipt of free school meals. Further information will be provided early next week regarding timings for collection.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child and that they will experience disruption to their education.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Hughdie, Operations Manager, by phoning our main school telephone number 023 8044 8861, or by email [Julie.hughdie@oasissholing.org](mailto:Julie.hughdie@oasissholing.org).

Kind regards

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