



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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20 April 2023

Dear Families

Ref: School closure on 27 April 2023 and 2 May 2023

I write to advise you that, regrettably, in light of the strike action taking place on the above dates, the risk assessment conducted shows that it would not be safe to open the school on those days.

As a result, regrettably, Abbot's Lea School will close to all students on:

- **Thursday, 27 April 2023**
- **Tuesday, 2 May 2023**

Please ensure that you cancel your child's transport (we will advise LCC SEN Transport Team, but do not have direct access to all transport providers).

We are closing because we are likely to have insufficient numbers of staff reporting for work to provide the safety to the students and to meet their complex needs.

These likely staff shortages also mean that I cannot guarantee my staff team a safe working environment.

Whilst some of those facts are already well-communicated, there is also a high risk of a last-minute staff absences increase due to their own children's schools closing at the last minute and them needing to take parental leave on the mornings of the strike days.

Therefore, both the known, and the anticipated risks of disruption to the school's operation are high and I know you will appreciate an advanced notification to allow you to put plans in place.

On behalf of the whole school community, I am very sorry about the disruption this closure will have to our students' learning and the families. We will work hard to ensure that all learning lost on those two days is caught up on as much as possible during the coming weeks.

I thank you all for your understanding at this time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher