



Friday, 21st March 2023

'We are Easter people and alleluia is our song!'
-Saint John Paul II

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy Easter! I hope you had a lovely break with your family and we look forward to a sunny final term of the year.

Strike Action

As I am sure you are aware, there is further strike action by members of the NEU teaching union planned for **Thursday, 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May**. I can confirm that, at the time of writing, school will be **closed** to the following year groups on **both dates**:

- **Reception**
- **Year 2**
- **Year 3**
- **Year 5**
- **Year 6**

Nursery, Year 1 and Year 4 classes will be unaffected by strike action, therefore pupils are expected to attend school and lessons will go ahead as normal. Please note, the situation may be subject to change before either of the dates.

The decision has not been taken lightly and I understand that this situation may be frustrating. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and, after carrying out a risk assessment, we feel that we would be unable to provide this to certain year groups with the staff we have available.

I will continue to keep you informed via Arbor emails, Marvellous Me and the school website. If you have any questions, please contact enquiries@stgerards.npcat.org.uk.

Uniform

I would like to remind parents that black school shoes must be worn except for PE days. Also, please make sure that earrings / studs are removed before your child comes to school on a morning. Thank you for your support with this.

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Finally, on Sunday, we will join together as a school and parish family for our next Family Mass. Please join us at 10.00am at St Mary's Cathedral and please encourage your children to join us in the front benches. God bless you and your family, have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Macaulay
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