



ST MARY'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



27th January 2023

Dear parents/carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching unions have declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday, 1st February 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teacher pay and underfunding of schools, and not because of any issues at our school. Strike action is always a last resort and we hold out hope that talks between the government and teacher unions will be fruitful and that schools closing due to the strikes will not occur.

However, I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for Wednesday, 1st February 2023.

2 Year Old Provision	Closed
Nursery am	Closed
Nursery pm	Closed
Reception	Open
Year 1	Open
Year 2	Open
Year 3	Closed
Year 4	Closed
Year 5	Closed
Year 6	Open
Treehouse	Open

School will also be open to vulnerable pupils in nursery, Year 3, 4 and 5 and school will contact parents of these pupils individually.

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Pupils of closed classes:

- Where pupils are entitled to a free school meal, a packed lunch will be available for them.
- Pupils from closed classes Year 3, 4 and 5 will be able to take a chrome book home and access remote education resources.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and/or that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. St Mary's remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

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 Mrs McClurey on 01642 455309 or [enquiries@stmarys.npcat.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stmarys.npcat.org.uk)

Kind regards,

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