



ST MARY'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 19th April 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching unions have declared strike action, which will take place on 27th April 2023 & 2nd May 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 during the industrial action.

	27 th April	2 nd May
Nursery	Closed	Closed
Reception	Open	Open
Year 1	Open	Open
Year 2	Open	Open
Year 3	Closed	Closed
Year 4	Open	Open
Year 5	Closed	Closed
Year 6	Open	Open
Treehouse	Open	Open

Where classes are closed, school will be open to vulnerable pupils in those classes. School will contact parents of these pupils individually. School will also be open to the children of Emergency Workers. If you believe you are an Emergency Worker and require a place for your child please contact the school office.

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 in Key Stage 2 will be able to take a chrome book/iPad 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 one another with respect and dignity. 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

Kind regards

Anna McClurey

Executive Headteacher