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## St. Mary's Catholic Primary School    St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

Dear parents/carers,

As you will know, the teaching union NEU has declared further strike action, which will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> July & 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government, and not because of any issues at our school.

I am writing today to inform you of our plan to cover classes at St Mary's on **Wednesday and Friday this week**, given the staffing levels currently anticipated. In order to provide safe and sufficient staffing ratios, it is felt necessary to close part of the school. Please note that this plan could change further at any time, including on the strike day itself.

- **Years 3, 4, & 5 classes will be closed on Wednesday, so these children will need to be kept at home.** Information regarding suggested learning activities will be sent to you via ClassDojo.
- **Years 3 & 5 classes will be closed on Friday, so these children will need to be kept at home.** Information regarding suggested learning activities will be sent to you via ClassDojo.
- Certain children from these year groups will be offered a supervised place in a group or another class. This could be for a variety of reasons, such as critical 'key' worker parents, Special Educational Needs, eligibility for additional school funding or free school meals, etc. Parents/carers of these children will be contacted separately about this offer shortly. **Please contact the office as soon as possible via ClassDojo if you are a critical 'key' worker requiring a place in school for your child.**
- **The Year 4 trip on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, will be going ahead as planned.**
- Many classes will run as normal with their usual class teachers and teaching assistants. Some others will have supervised activities or online lessons, either as whole classes or groups, and will be covered by familiar staff. There is likely to be some disruption to the regular class timetables.
- All children should attend school in uniform as usual.
- School lunches will be available as usual.
- Breakfast and After School Club will take place as usual.
- If your child normally attends Street Dance, Raspberry Cooking or Athletics after school clubs on these days, they can come into school for the club.



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I am sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's 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 advisors from the Trust (STCAT) to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you of any changes to the proposed arrangements as soon as possible via ClassDojo and Parentmail.

Teachers are under no obligation to inform anyone in advance of their intention to take strike action, so please do not put them in a difficult position by asking them about it. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Louise Waldram  
Headteacher



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