



Growing in faith: loving and learning together with Jesus

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

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Dear parents/carers,

As you will know, the teaching union NEU has declared further strike action, which will take place on 5th & 7th 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 Vincent'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 at short notice on the strike days.

- **Wednesday (5th July) - Years 3 & 4 classes will be closed, so these children will need to be kept at home.** Information regarding suggested learning activities will be sent to you via ClassDojo.
- **Friday (7th July) – All classes will be open. The Year 4 trip will continue as planned.**
- Supervised places are available for children from affected classes for pupils with Special Educational Needs, eligibility for additional school funding or free school meals, for parents who are 'key' workers, or if you cannot organise childcare. **Please contact the office as soon as possible if you require a place in school for your child.**
- Many classes will run as normal with their usual class teachers and teaching assistants. Some others will have supervised activities or online lessons and will be covered by familiar staff.
- All other children should attend school in uniform as usual.
- School lunches will be available as usual.
- Early Birds and Late Owls clubs will take place as usual.
- **Athletics Club (Yrs 1-3)** will run as normal on Wednesdayday, so if any of those club members are learning at home for the day, they are welcome to come to school later to participate in the clubs.

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 Vincent's remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.



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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 change 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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