

# St Mary's C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Planned School Closure: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

As you may have heard, the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action which will take place on February 1<sup>st</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup>. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the teaching unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

I have not taken the decision to close our school lightly and remain fully committed to providing a safe, secure and purposeful learning environment for all children. However, we will be unable to provide safe supervision of your children with the staff that we would have available.

Closing the school is something we never want to do and we truly hope a compromise is reached before February 1<sup>st</sup> so that we do not have to disrupt children's learning.

**We therefore recommend that you consider making alternative childcare arrangements for these dates at this stage.**

We are working closely with our teaching staff to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change.

As ever, we are here if there is anything you would like to discuss further - we thank you in advance for your understanding.

*Calvin Henry*

Calvin Henry,  
Headteacher