



# Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Executive Headteacher - Mr P Ackers  
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Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Industrial Action by Teachers

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have all had a lovely weekend.

Further to my previous correspondence re: Industrial Action by Teachers I am writing out with an update around school opening this **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

As you are no doubt aware, this Industrial Action is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over a lack of funding in education, teachers' pay and the recruitment and retention crisis in teaching and not because of any issues at our school. This is a national strike.

Teachers are under no obligation to inform me of their decision, however, I am able to let you know that this Wednesday and Thursday, Saint Mary's will be partially open. **Children in Year 6 are required to attend school as normal.**

Please note that there will be no extra-curricular clubs running on that day.

If your child/ren is entitled to free school meals (FSM), a packed lunch will be provided, which can be picked up from school. If you are entitled and you would like a packed lunch, please contact the school office in person, by telephone or email by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 2pm to allow the catering team to prepare accordingly.

The packed lunch will include a sandwich (cheese or tuna), fruit, flapjack and a drink. Please collect packed lunches from the school office on Wednesday and/or Thursday between 10:30am – 12:00pm.

Breakfast club and SMASH will operate as normal only for those pupils attending school that day. Please book and confirm with wrap-around care staff to help with provision planning.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Paul Ackers  
Executive Headteacher



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