



Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Tuesday 25th April 2023

Industrial Action by Teachers

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that this letter finds you well.

Further to my previous correspondence re: Industrial Action by Teachers I am writing out with an update around school opening this **Thursday 27th April and the following Tuesday 2nd May 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 Thursday and the following Tuesday, Saint Mary's will be partially open.

Children in Year 2 and Year 6 are required to attend school as normal on the Thursday and following Tuesday.

Children in Year 1 are required to attend school on the Tuesday 2nd May only and not Thursday 27th April.

Please note that there will be no extra-curricular clubs running on these days with the exception of Year 6 booster sessions which will take place before school as normal.

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 Wednesday 26th 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 26th April 2023 between 10:30am – 12:00pm. **Please note we are only able to offer this option this week as next Monday is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed.**

Breakfast club and SMASH will operate as normal **only** for those pupils attending school. 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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