



# Saint Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy

Executive Headteacher - Mr P Ackers  
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Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Industrial Action by Teachers

Dear Parent/Carer,

As in previous correspondence re: Industrial Action by Teachers I am writing with an update around the proposed strike dates of **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023** and **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 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 the following details.

**On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023, Saint Mary's will be partially open to Year 1 and Year 6\* pupils. Children from both classes are expected to attend school as normal.**

**On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023, Saint Mary's will be partially open to the following year groups: Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6\*. Children from these classes are expected to attend school as normal.**

**All planned \*St Philip Howard transition visits / the Year 4/5 geography trip will be taking place, however, there will be no extra-curricular clubs running on the above days.**

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 **2pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023** 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 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 between 10:30am – 12:00pm** and then **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023, again between 10:30am – 12:00pm**.

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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