

St Paul's

C of E Primary School



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Tuesday 18th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have seen in the media that *The National Education Union* have voted to stage further strikes citing inadequate funding for schools and poor rates of pay for education staff. It is therefore likely that the country – and subsequently St Paul's CE Primary School – could see significant disruption on the days listed below.

I therefore wanted to send this letter out to you so that you are aware of the proposed dates and can make any necessary emergency arrangements should your child be affected. I also wanted to inform you about how we will coordinate our response on each of these days.

The current list of projected strike days affecting schools in York are as follows:

- Thursday 27th April
- Tuesday 2nd May

Union members are not obliged to inform employers if they intend to strike. This therefore makes it very difficult for schools to assess and plan adequate staffing levels in advance of strike days.

We will communicate by letter with you as soon as we are aware of any definite class closures. We will follow up with an email to families at 8am on the morning of each strike day to confirm.

Please be aware of the above dates and, if necessary, prepare for the possibility of requiring emergency childcare. Keep in mind that if your child's class is closed (because their usual teacher that day is striking), they would be unable to attend school.

We understand the impact that this may have on children and working families and, equally, are respectful of our colleagues' rights to take legal industrial action if they wish. As a school and a Headteacher, we remain completely neutral in situations such as these and we naturally value your patience and understanding as we try to navigate a difficult national situation.

Best wishes,

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