

Mission Statement: "Our school is a safe place where everyone is equal. Inspired by the Holy Spirit and guided by the teaching of Christ, we know, love and respect each other. At Saint John's Catholic School, we help each other be the best that we can be."



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you will be aware from media coverage that one of the teaching unions has declared strike action, with the first date being Wednesday 1st February. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the teaching unions and the government, and not because of any issues at our school.

You may be aware that I am able to ask the teachers if they intend to take strike action. However, they cannot be compelled to respond and as such this leaves me in a difficult predicament. Therefore, although I was hoping to be able to write to you today to give you a definitive answer on how this would affect our school, I am unfortunately still not in a position to be able to do this.

At this stage, however, I will endeavour to try and keep the school open, and I am working on plans for all classes to take part in an off-timetable creative experience day. Whilst we will only close the school if we are unable to keep children safe, I would strongly recommend that you make alternative childcare arrangements for 1st February just in case.

I am sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect.

I will confirm the school's position with you on Monday 30th January.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian Morton'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Morton
Headteacher