

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,

Following on from my letter sent on Wednesday 25th January, it is with regret that I have had to make the difficult decision of **closing our school on Wednesday 1st February** because of the teaching union's strike action. As I previously mentioned, this strike is happening because of a national dispute between the teaching unions and the government, and not because of any issues at our school.

The decision to close St. John's has not been made lightly. I am unable to guarantee the safety of your children on the school site due to the possibility of the majority of my teaching staff taking strike action. I feel that this is the only option that gives our families sufficient time to organise alternative childcare arrangements.

Teaching staff who take the decision to strike will be following their union's advice to not prepare work for their class. Due to the unknown number of my teaching staff who will be striking on Wednesday 1st February, I have made the decision that there will be **no home learning** to complete.

I understand that this may cause disruption to our families, and I can only apologise in advance for this.

My decision has been made with the best interest of ensuring your child's safety.

Thank you for your understanding during this time.

Kind regards,

Brian Morton
Headteacher