

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,

As I am sure you will be aware from media coverage, the same teaching union has declared strike action with the next date being Thursday 2nd March. Again, 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.

As I mentioned in my previous letter, even though I can ask the teachers if they intend to take strike action, they cannot be compelled to respond as per their union guidance. As such, this leaves me in a difficult predicament. On the last strike day in February, the decision to close was the correct option as we had 5 out of 7 teachers taking strike action.

I am working as hard as possible to keep our school open. While the safety of your child is paramount, I am exploring all possibilities to ensure I can do this safely. This may include having to contact you on Thursday 2nd March by 8:30am to notify you whether teachers have arrived at school.

However, I would strongly urge you to make alternative childcare arrangements for Thursday 2nd March.

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

Kind regards,

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

Brian Morton
Headteacher