



St. James' Church of England Junior School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware from media and social media coverage that the NEU teaching union has declared strike action, which will take place on:

- Wednesday 01.02.2023
- Thursday 02.03.2023
- Wednesday 15.03.2023
- Thursday 16.03.2023

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, the lack of school funding, the current recruitment and retention crisis and the devastating impact that this will have in the future. It is not because of any issues at our school.

I am getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible, as it is highly likely that some classes at St James' will be not be open on these days. **However, the school will be open to some classes and all vulnerable children.** I will be writing to you closer to the date to inform you of the classes that will be closed on these days. I hope this will give you sufficient time **to make alternative childcare arrangements.**

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.

St James CofE Junior School remains committed to providing safe and secure environments for all children and delivering high-quality teaching and learning.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up-to-date with the situation, and I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please liaise with any member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Yours sincerely,
Rose Boland-Bourne

Rose Boland-Bourne
Headteacher

