

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear parents/carers

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

**I'm sorry to inform you that St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School will be closed on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023. We are asking you not to send your child into school on these days. On previous strike days we have been able to open to certain year groups, however on this occasion we do not have enough staff to remain open.**

We have not taken this decision lightly. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils, and feel that we would be unable to provide safe supervision with the staff we have available.

The Oak Online Academy provide lessons which children may wish to complete and these can be found here: [Oak National Academy Online Classroom \(thenational.academy\)](https://oaknationalacademy.com/online-classroom)

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience disruption to their 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.

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

If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 01493 445117 or by email [office@smspprimary.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@smspprimary.norfolk.sch.uk)

Kind regards,

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