

Monday 24th April 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 Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 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.

St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School will be partially closed on both days.

On Thursday 27th April we will only be open to Nursery Reception, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6. We will be closed to Years 2, 3 and 4.

On Tuesday 2nd May, we will only be open to Nursery, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6. We will be closed to Reception, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5.

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://www.thenational.academy/)

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

Kind regards,

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Head of School



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