

## Holy Cross Primary Catholic Voluntary Academy

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

I am following on from the letter sent from our CEO, James McGeachie, regarding Industrial action by teachers. As mentioned previously, staff do not have to tell us in advance if they intend to strike until the day. However, we have had lengthy discussions about how to try to minimise the disruption to education and at the same time, whilst ensuring adequate supervision to keep our children safe.

I am now able to provide our families with updated information in relation to the teacher strike day this Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

I can confirm that all classes will be closed.

There are options for our pupils to access learning at home through their homework activities, such as TTRS, Spelling shed, individual reading books and revision linked with their Knowledge organisers in other curriculum areas, which can be found on the class pages. Children taking part in the book swap today will also have some new books to take home and start reading.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, our cook will be making packed lunches that will be available upon request to be collected from school. The office will make contact with families today who are eligible for Free School Meals to enquire if this option is required.

If your child is eligible for a childcare place on this day, the school office will be calling you today. We will have minimal numbers of adults in school on this day available for childcare, so we will also need to look at limiting places of our critical workers and prioritising our vulnerable pupils. All children who are on our 'vulnerable' groups list will be offered a place first on the four strike days. Parents will be contacted separately today by the school office to confirm arrangements.

I apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause you. Details regarding the future strike dates will be sent out nearer the time. All children who are on our 'vulnerable' groups list will be offered a place on the four days. Parents who are eligible will be contacted separately to confirm arrangements.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kindest regards, Mrs McNamara