



ST LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Proposed Industrial Action: Wednesday 1st February 2023

As included in last week's newsletter, I am writing to update you regarding the proposed Industrial Action by one of the largest Teacher Unions, NEU. The first of these dates is **Wednesday 1st February**, with other dates planned for:

- Wednesday 1 March (East Midlands, Western, Eastern regions)
- Wednesday 15 March (England and Wales)
- Thursday 16 March (England and Wales)

While there will be much debate in the media about why this action is taking place, the simple reason why many of the teachers at our school have chosen to strike is because of the chronic underfunding of schools. One aspect of this is related to Teachers pay but there are many others.

- The teaching profession is facing a recruitment crisis
- The education sector has been under-funded for years and in order to continue to try and ensure a high quality education for your children, cuts have needed to be made.
- Pay awards have been granted but then schools have not been provided with additional funding to accommodate these pay awards which means that ultimately jobs could be lost.

The teachers who are planning on taking part in the Industrial Action would like me to inform you that they have not made this decision lightly and it is a last resort.

As I have continued to say, we are hopeful that the Unions will be able to reach an agreement so that the action is not necessary, however, in case this does not happen, please be aware that **our school is likely to be closed on Wednesday 1st February due to the large percentage of teachers participating in the Industrial Action.**

I am sorry about the potential disruption and uncertainty, I understand that this is frustrating and can cause uncertainty, but please be assured that those teachers striking want the best for your children and for education.

Thank you

Mrs A Grennan
Headteacher



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