

Dear Parents and Carers,

Important: Strike Action Dates

I am writing to update you about our arrangements for Wednesday 1st February when the National Education Union (NEU) will be taking strike action, potentially affecting 23,400 schools in England and Wales.

I have been informed by 2 NEU members at St Marys that they intend to take strike action on the following days:

- Wednesday 1st February: Farmers Class Closed
- Wednesday 1st March 2023: Farmers Class Closed
- Wednesday 15th March 2023: Farmers Class Closed
- Thursday 16th March 2023: Farmers and Fishermen Classes Closed
- ***Carpenters and Shepherds class will be unaffected.***

With the support of the Chair of Governors, I have taken the following decisions because I am unable to maintain adequate staffing levels to guarantee the safety of our students in school:

- Pupils with an Education Health and Care (EHC) plan, (LAC/PLAC), students in receipt of free school meals (FSM), and our most vulnerable students (i.e. students with a social worker) in the classes affected will be offered a place in school where they will be supervised and supported by TAs.
- If you are a critical worker and would like your child to be considered for a place in school on the dates listed above, please contact Mrs King bursar@stmarys-pri.northants-ecl.gov.uk with evidence to support the fact that you are a critical worker. Please ensure that this is done with two days notice of each strike day.
- **Kingswood Lunches:** Paying parents will have until the day before, eg. For the first strike day, Tuesday 31st January to cancel any meals with us, they will need to send an email to enquiries@kingswoodcatering.co.uk. If you are entitled to Free School Meals or in receipt of Pupil Premium and will not be attending school please let the office know if you would like to collect a packed lunch option the day before each strike day.

Kind regards,

Laura Concannon
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