



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Executive Head: Mrs Clare Tickel

Head of School: Mr Simon Thomas

Diocese of Plymouth

27th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Industrial Action Wednesday 1st February 2023

The School has received notification from the NEU that its members propose to take industrial strike action on **Wednesday 1st February 2023**. This action relates to the dispute over sufficient funding for all employers in state-funded schools to provide a fully-funded above inflation pay rise whilst maintaining current provision in school.

Some staff within the school are members of this union and therefore the school is affected by the industrial action.

We have undertaken a risk assessment for the School and to safeguard children's safety, I and the Plymouth CAST Board of Directors feel it is necessary to close the School for pupils ie **closed to all children** on 1st February. The school will reopen on Thursday 2nd February.

We will send home guidance regarding home learning for pupils next week.

Any dinner monies paid for by affected pupils will be credited to a pupil's account. Children entitled to Free School Meals (not Universal School Meals) will be provided with a packed lunch on Tuesday to bring home for Wednesday.

It is with regret that I must inform you of these circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Tickel
Executive Headteacher

