



# *St Mary's Catholic Primary School*

***Executive Head: Mrs Clare Tickel***

*Head of School: Mr Simon Thomas*

*Diocese of Plymouth*

25<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that as a result of a national ballot by the National Education Union (NEU), industrial action will now be undertaken in support of the dispute between the unions and the government.

A national strike is due to take place in our area on:

- ❖ **1st February 2023**
- ❖ **2nd March 2023**
- ❖ **15th March 2023**
- ❖ **16th March 2023**

We would like to give you as much notice as possible that learning may be disrupted on the above dates. Teachers in this Union may choose to take strike action. If this is the case, then options may include moving to remote learning for some year groups or whole school.

We recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for these dates as the school will not know how many classes are likely to be affected until the day of industrial action. We recognise the potential disruption to you and to your child's education and understand that this situation may be frustrating.

We will keep you up to date with the situation, and inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible via text /email and the website.

If you have any questions, please contact the office ([office@st-marys.poole.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-marys.poole.sch.uk)) who will defer all queries to the Senior Leadership Team.

We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and appreciate your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

C. Tickel  
Executive Headteacher