

23 February 2023

### Industrial Action by Teachers

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your families are well and that you all enjoy a fulfilling Lenten journey.

I am writing to you in advance of the second day of strike action by members of the National Education Union (NEU). The NEU is in dispute with the Government rather than the Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT or the school itself. There are three remaining days of planned action by staff in the NEU. These are:

**Tuesday 28 February 2023**  
**Wednesday 15 March 2023**  
**Thursday 16 March 2023**

In line with Government guidance, it remains our intention to keep schools open; however, **in some schools, it may be the case that not all classes / year groups will be able to come into school**, depending on which teachers in each school do strike. It is anticipated that the level of impact in our schools will be similar to that seen on the first strike day on 1 February, but this is not confirmed as unions do not disclose who their members are and the staff themselves do not have to tell us in advance if they are going to strike.

It may also be necessary to operate a different timetable for those pupils who are in school. The school will be in contact with you again next week to confirm arrangements, as happened for the first strike day.

We will do our utmost to give you as much notice as possible, if we do need to close individual classes or year groups. Nevertheless, please be prepared for short notice on possible class or year group closures.

We will contact you with further details, as and when we have them.

God bless and take care.

Yours sincerely,



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CEO, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

