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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware, all the teaching unions are currently in dispute with the Government. One union, the NEU, now has a legal mandate for industrial action, which will affect schools in our area on:

- February 1
- February 28
- March 15 and 16

LDST respects the rights of employees to strike and the role of Trade Unions in accordance with the legislation and balloting rules. Our Trust recognises that staff feel a very strong sense of professional imperative to take action alongside their colleagues nationally, and also a very strong sense of moral imperative to ensure that our children don't miss out. Deciding to take industrial action is never an easy decision for anyone.

At St. Paul's C.E. school we have a number of teachers in this union who will be exercising their right to strike, and as a result, our school will be:

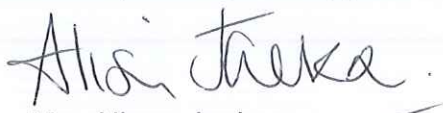
- **Closed to pupils in classes Reception, Year 1, Year 3, and Year 6 on February 1**
- Optional home learning will be made available on-line.
- **Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 will attend school as normal**

This is the position as we know it now, and things can change at any time. Therefore, if there are any changes to these plans, we will let you know as soon as we can.

We are very grateful to all staff in our school for going beyond what is required of them in law, by telling us their plans so that we can plan ahead. Whilst we attempt to navigate these unprecedented times, I thank you for your support and your appreciation of our staff who always give so much to our school, children, and families.

I will contact you again regarding our plans for the subsequent strike days.

Thank you for your support

  
Mrs Alison Jackson



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