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"With God, there is no limit to what you can do. There is no obstacle you can't overcome. Through Him all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

Tuesday 24th January 2023,

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure you are all aware by now of the proposed strike action by the NEU (National Education Union) which will take place in our locality on the following dates:

- Wednesday 1st February
- Tuesday 28th February
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March

In last week's Friday news we sent out some information explaining why the NEU are taking part in strike action – which is due to a dispute with the government over pay and school funding.

The majority of our teaching staff are members of NEU, which may result in disruption to learning and classes on those days. We will do everything we can to keep school open, or partially open, but unfortunately this cannot be guaranteed. Due to the rules around industrial action, I am unable to identify the exact number of staff, and which staff, are likely to engage in strike action. With this in mind, I am currently in the process of establishing to what extent St James will be disrupted on the dates identified above and trying to organise appropriate plans.

A plan on how our school will operate on the first strike day of Wednesday 1st February will be communicated to you on Friday 27th January. In the meantime, please bear the above dates in mind and consider childcare arrangements for those days should the need arise.

Every school is different and the proposed strike action will affect schools nationally in different ways. I recognise that this situation may cause inconvenience to parents, but I would like to thank you all in advance for your understanding and support.

Your sincerely,

Mrs L Belfield
Head teacher



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