

# St Mary's Lewisham CE Primary School

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### Our Vision

*To be a learning community that promotes the unique gifts, wellbeing and potential of every person. Our work is founded on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, building on His message of equality, peace and justice, guided by His words 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34).*

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Strike Action Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023: St Mary's School Open**

We wrote to you last month about the series of industrial strike action by their teaching members. This is a national dispute with the Secretary of State for Education regarding school teachers' pay and conditions.

The first day of action was Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 and St Mary's remained open. ***I can confirm that St Mary's school will again remain open for all pupils on the next strike day, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.***

Most of our teachers are members of the NEU but not all have chosen to strike. I am sure you will agree that our teachers at St Mary's are dedicated and hard working, so their decision to strike has not been taken lightly. Having carefully risk assessed the impact of action on our school community, I can confirm that there will be sufficient teaching staff in school to operate as normal on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, therefore the school will be open as usual.

Further strike action is scheduled for:

- **Wednesday, 15 March (England and Wales)**
- **Thursday, 16 March (England and Wales)**

I am sorry for the potential disruption and I will give as much notice as possible to let you know if the school can continue to safely open on the three dates above. Please be assured that I will do all that I can to minimise any disruption to the children's education.

Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us at St Mary's.

Yours sincerely,

**Christine Graham**  
Headteacher

