

Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Intended Strike Action Days by Teachers

I am writing to give further detail with regards to the teaching union calling for industrial action. Teachers in the NEU union are striking against the national education policy and resourcing in schools and not against the children who they passionately work so hard for every day.

The NEU has posted a document for parents, carers and grandparents that explains their reasons for taking strike action. It can be found at https://neu.org.uk/media/24511/view

I am currently actively working with our NEU members in school and consulting with the guidance I have been given. Whilst I support colleagues in their action, my aim is to open the school on the following intended strike days: February 1st, March 2nd, 15th and 16th.

To determine whether our school can remain fully or partially open, a detailed risk assessment has been conducted.

With positive working relationships in school I anticipate being aware in advance of the decision that most staff have made with regards to strike action and will be able to plan with the staff we have in school accordingly.

At this stage I anticipate Holy Cross Catholic Primary School being open to all pupils. If any circumstances change I will inform you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support

Sharon Freeley Interim Executive Headteacher