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Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

RE: Strike Action

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU teaching union have declared strike action, which will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm getting in touch to give you notice that learning may be disrupted on these dates. We're currently considering several options. **We recommend that you start to make alternative childcare arrangements for these dates as a backup for potential closures.**

I'm sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Pontefract remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and staff and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with the Trust, our staff and union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office by emailing [admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk](mailto:admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk) or ring the school office 01977 701493.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Velayudhan Tomlin

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