



# St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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## Strike Action Arrangements – 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further teacher strikes are set to go ahead next week, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Industrial action does lead to a level of disruption and we have tried to deal with each strike day individually, redeploying staff where possible to keep classes open.

We know this is a frustrating situation for many of you, however on this occasion, **we will be closing Reception Class, Year 2 and Year 3 classes for the day**. If your child is in any of these classes, you will need to make alternative arrangements for your child on both the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. Children in Year 1, as well as Years 4, 5 and 6 are able to attend school, as normal.

Part of the current pay offer has NOT been funded by central government, and will have to be found in the school's existing budget. This will have a direct impact on the provision at St John's, and our pupils and staff. Whilst we are aware of the inconvenience that the strike will cause families, teachers across the UK are asking the Government to listen to their concerns and reconsider their stance to protect education, and enhance the recruitment and retention of teachers.

We are fortunate to have brilliant, hard-working teachers within our school, who I feel deliver an excellent educational experience to our students. I know they do not undertake this industrial action lightly, and I hope that the Government can resolve this matter as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me through the school office or via email at [admin@stjhv.islington.sch.co.uk](mailto:admin@stjhv.islington.sch.co.uk). Alternatively, you can telephone us on 02072264906.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson  
Head of School

