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Dear Parent/Carer

School Closure

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action. The strikes will take place on 1st and 28th February, and the 15th and 16th March 2023. The strike is happening in result of a national dispute between the union and the government over pay and funding, and not because of any issues at any of our schools or Trust.

Unfortunately, we will have to **close Our Lady of Lourdes school to all pupils on these days** as we have insufficient staffing levels due to strike action. This is not a decision we take lightly but the safety of our pupils is paramount.

Those pupils in receipt of FSM and pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 (Universal Free School Meals) will still be able to collect a packed lunch from main reception between 11am and 11:30am. A link to a Microsoft form will be sent out via a text to those who are eligible so that lunches can be ordered in advance.

I understand that this situation may be frustrating and apologise for any potential disruption caused. Thank you for your support and understanding.

School will be open as normal on Thursday 2nd February.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Ashton

Executive Headteacher