



# ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA MULTI ACADEMY

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## NEU Industrial Action - Information for Parents and Carers

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sure you will be aware from recent media reports that the National Education Union (NEU) announced on 16th January that their membership has voted in favour of industrial action. The planned action is a result of a national dispute between the unions and government and not specifically St Teresa of Calcutta MAC or its academies.

For St Teresa of Calcutta MAC schools, the four dates of strikes are:

- **1<sup>st</sup> February:** All schools in England and Wales
- **1<sup>st</sup> March:** East Midlands, West Midlands, and the NEU's eastern region
- **15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March:** Two-day strike of all schools in England and Wales

I want to reassure you that we will be doing everything we can to minimise disruption to your child's education. In the worst-case scenario, if we do need to consider moving to remote learning for some pupils, we will endeavour to ensure those children who most need to be in school can attend. This will include vulnerable children, children of critical workers, and children who are in examination year groups but will be subject to staff availability.

Your child's school might need to ask you in the coming days if you are a critical worker so we can make plans. Information about who critical workers are is attached.

If your child's school is affected by strike action and has the staff capacity to provide virtual lessons as they did during the COVID lockdowns, they will be in touch ahead of the strike days with details of how your child can log in to lessons so that we minimise any impact of not being in school.

We will keep you updated with any further important information that arises. If you have any questions, please do get in touch via the school office in the usual way.

Yours sincerely,

**Professor Paul Ryan**  
**CSEL & CEO**  
**St Teresa of Calcutta MAC**



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