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CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

**St Patrick's**  
Catholic Voluntary Academy

**Headteacher:** Mrs H Stevenson

28<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

### **INDUSTRIAL ACTION PLANS – 5<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**

Thank you for your continued support and understanding regarding the ongoing strike action by UNISON. As outlined in previous communications, UNISON represents teaching assistants. They have voted for further strike action next week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

As a school, we are required to follow government guidance on pupil-to-adult ratios to ensure appropriate supervision and maintain a safe environment for all children. Due to these requirements, we will need to close some classes again during the planned strike action on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Where possible, we have prioritised reopening classes that were affected by earlier strike days, in order to support fairness across the school. Unfortunately, this is not possible for Nursery, as the required ratios must be strictly maintained at all times. On this occasion, we will also support with home learning activities in closed classes, this is not compulsory and is there as a supportive measure.

#### **Proposed arrangements for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May:**

- **Nursery – Closed**  
Guidance to support learning at home will be sent out on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- **Reception – Open**
- **Year 1 – Closed**  
We recognise that pupils are preparing for the phonics screening check. Phonics activities will be provided for home learning on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- **Year 2 – Open**
- **Year 3 – Closed**  
Guidance to support learning at home will be sent out on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- **Year 4 – Closed**  
As pupils are preparing for the multiplication check, relevant activities will be sent home on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- **Year 5 – Open**
- **Year 6 – Open**

The decision to close classes is never taken lightly. We fully appreciate the challenges this creates for families, particularly where siblings are in different year groups with differing arrangements. While we would always encourage attendance where classes remain open, we understand that this may not be possible for all families on this occasion.

We also recognise the impact on working parents and sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused. The trust has assured me that they continue to work closely with trade unions to resolve the ongoing dispute.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Stevenson  
Acting Headteacher