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STRIKE ACTION

Dear Parents,

I have had confirmation from teachers that they will be participating in a union strike on:

Wednesday 1st February

The strike will affect all classes and following government guidance we as a school have completed a risk assessment to determine how many children we can supervise in the building. This is based on the number of staff available on the day and the fact that staff will be supported by Mrs Pointon and Mrs Booth.

As a result of this, I can confirm that school will be closed to all children apart from Nursery and Year 6 (as key year groups) and any children with an EHCP (unfortunately not their siblings) or families who are classed as vulnerable. These parents will be notified by text before the end of this week that the school is open for them to attend on Wednesday 1st February.

On the day, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 plus any child entitled to a free school meal will have one provided for them. If you would like them to receive this meal, please book it on parent pay by the end of Monday 30th January and the packed lunch will be sent home with them at the end of the school day on Tuesday.

All the teachers at St Giles' and St George's are dedicated professionals who frequently go above and beyond to support and educate the children in their care, they are the last people who would wish to disrupt a child's education, however the reasons behind the strike action go far beyond the need for teachers to earn a living wage to support their own families, there is a staffing and budget crisis within education which needs to be addressed. Therefore, the school will support staff in their bid to make a better education system for all children whilst ensuring that our most vulnerable children are protected.

I appreciate this very difficult for parents and you should rightly raise your concerns, these should be directed to the local MP, Mr Aaron Bell
(aaron.bell.mp@parliament.uk; 01782 308102)

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Pointon.
Headteacher

M E Lopez
Chair of Governors

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