

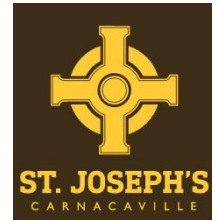
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Principal: Mr Christopher McCann Bsc(Hons), PGCE, PQH(NI)

Dear Parent

As you may be aware, the INTO (teacher union) is planning to take industrial action on the morning of **Wednesday 18th January 2017**. This is a dispute between teacher unions and the employers; it is not a dispute with the school.

The action, (a half-day strike), will result in class or whole school closures across Northern Ireland.

St. Joseph's will be closed due to this industrial action until 12:30pm Wednesday 18th January.

Parents are welcome to bring their child to school for the afternoon session. **Please be aware the school will not be open until 12:30pm so pupils must not be dropped off before this as staff will not be available to supervise.**

School meals will not be available so you may wish to ensure your child has lunch before attending school for the afternoon.

Please note that your child's non-attendance due to strike action will not be counted as an absence on their attendance record.

Given the inconvenience caused for parents/carers, the decision to close the school is never taken lightly. However, in this instance, where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, I have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and well-being of the pupils.

The trade unions have stated that they will continue to seek a resolution and if the industrial action is averted I will advise parents accordingly.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Kind Regards,

Christopher McCann