

# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Strike Action – Thank You**

Many thanks for your support and understanding on Wednesday when school was partially closed due to strike action. We recognise that this will have caused significant disruption for some families.

For the members of the NEU in our school who took strike action this was not an easy decision. Over the years school budgets have drastically reduced and this inevitably impacts on children's education. It is also becoming increasingly difficult for schools to recruit staff. Our children deserve the very best education we can give them and this is why all of our staff support the actions of our NEU colleagues.

In my initial letter regarding proposed strike action, I listed the dates that the NEU have notified us of. The next planned strike is **Tuesday 28th February** if an agreement between the union and the government cannot be reached before then. I will write to you nearer the time to let you know how our school may be affected.

## **After School Clubs**

After School Clubs will resume next week as follows:

Tuesdays – Invasion Games WLSP 3.15-4.15

Wednesdays – Knitting 12.15pm

Thursdays – Mini Vinnie's 12.15pm

Striking and Fielding WLSP 3.15-4.15

## **The Household Support Fund**

The Household Support Fund is now available... Please spread the word and click the link below for further details:

[Household Support Fund - West Lancashire Borough Council \(westlancs.gov.uk\)](https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/household-support-fund)

## **Directory of Support Services**

The Financial Inclusion Team at West Lancs Borough Council have generated a directory of resources that's easily accessible for anyone and everyone.



Please click the link below to have a look as it's a great resource to have to hand.

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### **Help and Assistance in Difficult Times**

Times are hard at the moment for many. The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) can provide practical assistance if you need it and we have a local branch in Skelmersdale. You can ring them on 07470351042. They are really approachable and non-judgemental and they help us a lot as a school. There is a foodbank available behind St Francis of Assisi Church near the entrance to the adjoining house. This is open every Wednesday from 12 noon until 1pm.

### **Cost of Living Support – Guidance for parents and carers**

Find out the most up-to-date information about what help is available for households and businesses in Lancashire on the [Cost of living support website](#). This website summarises some of the most useful information from Lancashire County Council and they have asked that we share it with you.

Have a good weekend.

Ann Naylor (Headteacher)