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**SCHOOL CLOSURE: Industrial Action**

Dear Family

Yesterday at home time, I received formal notice from the National Education Union (NEU) that its members at our school intend to strike on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February. The school will therefore be closed to pupils on that day.**

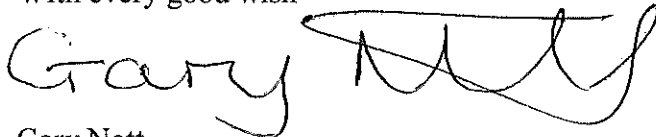
The majority of members of the NEU at our school are opposed to St Bede's becoming an Academy and joining the Good Shepherd Trust. As you know, the Governing Body are currently consulting with staff and parents upon the proposal to convert to an Academy and join the Good Shepherd Trust; a decision on the proposal is due to be taken by the Governing Body in April.

Please be assured that Governors are in communication with the NEU, through the Diocese, and have requested that strike action be called off in view of the commitments that have been made to protect staff's terms and conditions of employment and to enable consultation to go ahead.

I will keep you updated if there are any developments.

I regret the fact that the children are going to lose a day of their education and the inconvenience that this will cause you.

With every good wish



Gary Nott