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Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to you about a planned half-day of industrial strike action on Wednesday 29th November 2023 by the teaching trade union members across Northern Ireland.

When a strike takes place, those taking strike action stop work and withdraw their labour. Teachers involved in the action will not teach their class or undertake any other duties until 12 noon on the strike day.

Considering this, there is no alternative but to close school to all pupils until 12.10pm on Wednesday 29th November. The Chairman of Governors has been informed. Your child's attendance record will not be affected by this action.

At 12.10pm on Wednesday 29th November, all pupils should proceed to their classrooms/the nursery as they would normally do on arrival at school. The afternoon session will run as normal with normal finishing times applying. Wednesday afternoon clubs will operate as normal. There will be no buses bringing the pupils to school, but home-time buses will run as normal. School dinner will be available as normal when pupils arrive. A Google Form will be released on Monday to allow pupils on Free School Meals to indicate if they require a dinner for the Wednesday so that we can give the cooks an idea of numbers early on Wednesday morning. Anyone who is taking packed lunch should also bring this as normal.

Anyone who has paid for breakfast club for Wednesday can carry this over to the week after. Please indicate that you have done this on your envelope when paying for the following week.

A strike by teachers is very unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and hope to see an end to this period of dispute as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Frizzell

Mr Andrew Frizzell
Principal