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Full day strike action on Thursday 16th November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to you about the forthcoming strike action by the non-teaching unions in Northern Ireland. You may have seen coverage of this in the news, and I wanted to inform you about the impact of this action at our school.

When a strike takes place, those taking strike action, stop work and withdraw their labour. Staff members involved in the action will, therefore, not attend work on the strike day.

A risk assessment to determine whether it is possible to operate the school safely during the strike has been conducted. This assesses the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of pupils, staff and visitors, and whether the school can run a full or amended curriculum. In partnership with the Board of Governors, I have determined that the school will be closed to all pupils on Thursday 16th November 2023.

Clearly, this is a difficult situation, which will cause disruption and we appreciate your understanding. Strike action is very unusual and taking the step of strike action is not something that any member of the school staff undertakes lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision to take this action.

The staff in our school are invaluable to the learning, development and safeguarding of your children and I, along with the Board of Governors, feel strongly that they should be paid fairly for the essential and very challenging jobs that they do.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kindest Regards

Mrs Bacheta