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RE: Public Sector Strike Action 18th January 2024

Dear Parents

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

When a strike takes place, those taking strike action stop work and withdraw their labour. Staff involved in the action will, therefore, not undertake any of their normal duties during the time of the strike.

A risk assessment has been conducted which considers the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of pupils, staff and visitors, in order to determine whether it is possible to operate the school safely during the strike.

As the Principal, I (and the Board of Governors) have determined the school will be closed to all pupils for the full day on 18th January 2024.

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause disruption. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. Taking strike action is not something that any staff member would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the period that they are on strike.

Yours sincerely

S. Carlisle
Principal