



Dear Parents and Carers,

POTENTIAL STRIKE ACTION –

The EIS Teaching Trade Union have notified us of further strike action in pursuit of their national pay claim on **Wednesday 1st February, Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March 2023.**

Following a robust assessment based on what is known at this stage, I write to inform you that it looks highly likely that we will have to close primary schools and secondary Schools on the above dates due to insufficient staffing levels. We realise that this decision will have significant implications for your family and hope that timely notification will be helpful to you. We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience caused.

Should schools have the capacity to open to specific groups of learners they will make local arrangements.

If the pay dispute isn't settled and the proposed strike action goes ahead:

Primary Schools, Secondary Schools and Orchard Brae will be closed to pupils on the above dates.

If the strike action goes ahead and your young person is in receipt of free school meals under universal credit, you will be provided with a bank transfer to the cost of one meal for the day your child is impacted by the strike action. If your bank details are not held by the service, this will be received in cheque form through the post as soon as possible.

We will continue to monitor the situation carefully as there are so many unknown factors at present. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding and our apologies once again for the inconvenience caused.

Shona Milne

Interim Chief Education Officer