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re. Full day strike action by teachers on Wednesday 26th April

Dear Parent,

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

When a strike takes place, those taking strike action stop work and withdraw their labour. Teachers involved in the action will, therefore, not teach their class(es) or undertake any other duties on the strike day. A detailed risk assessment has been conducted which considers 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, 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 pupils – Wednesday 26th April
- School will reopen as normal on Thursday 27th April

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. A strike by teachers is very unusual and the decision to close has been difficult. 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 will also lose pay for the period that they are on strike.

Yours,

E.McGuinness