



Dear Parent /Guardian

**Full day strike action by teachers on 26th April**

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.

Teachers involved in the action will, not teach their class or undertake any other duties on the 26<sup>th</sup> April, 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 Chairman of the Board of Governors have determined the school will be:

**• Closed on Wednesday 26th 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. 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. Teachers have taken this action to highlight huge underfunding in the education system over many years which has resulted in reduced pay for staff but also reduced provision for our children.

Yours sincerely

Mr L. Magee