

Friday 15 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Nurseries, Primaries, Secondaries and ASL schools closed due to Industrial Action 26, 27th, 28th September 2023

You may be aware from media coverage that industrial action is planned for groups of Council staff in relation to pay claims.

I am sorry that I must advise you that strike action has been notified for **Tuesday 26th**, **Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th September** and the impact means that all schools and nurseries are likely to be closed on these days and then open again on Friday 29th September.

The strike will involve many of our Education Services staff and will include support for learning workers, escorts, administration staff, catering, janitorial, cleaning services and school crossing patrollers.

It is therefore not possible to secure a safe environment and provide lunches for our young people or maintain continuity of learning.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your children over the three days of action because of this announcement.

We will continue to work on alternative arrangements right up to the date of the strikes but at this stage it is very likely we will be unable to make provision for schools and nurseries, therefore they will be closed to pupils. If there is any change based on individual risk assessments and suitable catering arrangements being available, I will contact individual schools.

I hope you understand our position and why we have to close our provision over the three days of the planned industrial action, and we will post any updates on the council's communication channels ahead of the dates.

Yours sincerely

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