

Education and Learning Directorate

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Dear Parent/Carer

Planned industrial action in our schools – Thursday, 24 November 2022

You may be aware from information in the media that teaching staff who are members of Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS) and Association of Head Teachers and Deputies in Scotland trade unions are planning to strike on Thursday, 24 November 2022.

On the day of the strike (Thursday), all primary and secondary schools in Dumfries and Galloway will be closed to all pupils. It is envisaged that all Early Learning and Childcare provision (school nurseries) will be significantly affected by the strike and will be unable to open. It is likely that private childcare providers will remain open on this day. We are still working with senior staff and managers across Dumfries and Galloway to risk assess the opening of school nurseries, I realise this is difficult for parents who want certainty at this stage to help them plan their childcare for next week. I advise, therefore, that parents should plan for their school nursery provision being closed on 24 November.

Arrangements are being made for Free School Meal Provision for the day of the strike. This will be communicated directly once these plans have been finalised.

Your school will contact you directly with any additional information.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused. This is a day of industrial action against national pay and conditions. The Council is represented by the employers' association (COSLA) to negotiate with the teaching trade unions and Scottish Government.

Yours sincerely



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