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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you following a nationwide ballot of teaching Trade Unions which has resulted in an announcement of industrial action by the Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS) and the Association of Heads and Deputies in Scotland (AHDS), with the first date of industrial action being set as Thursday 24th November 2022.

From the information provided to the Council by the teaching Trade Unions, it is evident that it will not be possible for pupils to attend school on **Thursday 24th November 2022**. This will affect all schools in East Ayrshire Council. At this stage, we anticipate that all Early Childhood Centres will operate as normal.

We are working with colleagues on arrangements for those pupils who require access to a Free School Meal and you will be advised of this in due course.

I am aware that this will cause an inconvenience to many families, but we cannot operate without the required number of teaching staff. I thank you for your understanding at this time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda McAulay-Griffiths".

LINDA McAULAY-GRIFFITHS
Chief Education Officer and Head of Education