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Dear Parent/Carer

I write to inform you that East Renfrewshire Council has received official notification of strike action from the following Trade Unions - Unison, Unite and GMB. This action will affect all our schools and early learning and childcare establishments. It will primarily affect all school based staff, other than teachers, for example child development officers, pupil support assistants, office staff, janitorial services, and catering and cleaning staff. It is proposed that the industrial action will take place on Tuesday 6, Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 September 2022 continuous.

Our aim, as always, is to secure a safe environment for our staff and young people and maintain continuity of learning where possible but regrettably the extent of the action on this occasion will lead to the closure of early learning and childcare establishments and schools on these days.

I am giving you this notification as early as possible so that you can plan ahead. I understand that this will cause disruption to learning and teaching and you will have to make alternative arrangements for childcare during these days. I apologise for this inconvenience.

For those children entitled to a free school meal (not as a consequence of universal free school meals across P1 to P5 stages), a financial payment will be made equivalent to the cost of a meal, for each day of industrial action.

The Education Department continues to work with our colleagues across the Council, including school staff, in an effort to make arrangements for your children during these days. If in the unlikely event that an establishment is able to remain open for teaching and learning it is likely there will be a significantly reduced service, with limited school meals, playground supervision, personal care, and communication between school and home on these dates.

Officers will continue to discuss the planned industrial action with head teachers and heads of establishments, and your child's school or early learning and childcare setting will be in contact with you to let you know the arrangements for their own particular circumstance as soon as the pertinent information is available.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M Ratter'.

Mark Ratter
Director of Education

