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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 which represent teachers – Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS); Association of Headteachers and Deputies in Scotland (AHDS); National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT); and the Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association (SSTA). This action will affect all of our schools and early learning and childcare establishments.

It is proposed that industrial action will take place on Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 January 2023. Our aim as always, is to secure a safe environment for our staff and young people and maintain continuity of learning where possible. However regrettably, given the extent of the action on these days, all of our establishments will be impacted as follows:

- Tuesday 10 January 2023:
 - Isobel Mair School and all primary schools will be closed;
 - limited service in our family centres and nursery classes;
 - secondary schools will be open as usual.
- Wednesday 11 January 2023:
 - all secondary schools will be closed;
 - all other establishments will open as usual.

In relation to family centres and nursery classes, your child's establishment will be in touch with you to confirm attendance arrangements in due course.

I understand that the industrial action will cause significant disruption to the learning of our children and young people and that families will have to make alternative arrangements for childcare during these days. I am sorry for the inconvenience this will cause.

The Council has also received notice from Trade Unions of their intention to strike in East Renfrewshire on Tuesday 24 January 2023 in all East Renfrewshire schools. At this stage it is likely this will result in the closure of Isobel Mair School and all primary and secondary schools. I expect that we will be able to provide a limited service in family centres and nursery classes on this day.

Whilst the Council has been formally notified by the various trade unions of their intention to strike, there is also the possibility that through ongoing negotiations the strikes may not take place. The department will keep you informed as the situation develops through the Council website. www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk



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As previously intimated, for those pupils who are eligible to receive free school meals and have completed an application, a payment will be made to the bank account of the registered parents/carers to provide support for the school closures. A payment of £2.50 will be made for each eligible child and will be paid along with the holiday payment made in advance of the mid-term holiday in early February. Should any further closures take place in advance of this date, the payment will be adjusted accordingly.

Yours faithfully



Mark Ratter
Director of Education

