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Dear Parent/Carer

### **School closures update due to ongoing industrial action – 10, 11 & 16 January 2023**

I wrote to you before the end of term about the next round of industrial action that has been called by several teacher unions and I said I would update you when the schools went back.

Unfortunately, there has been no change to the planned strikes and because we have no certainty on how many teachers will report for work, we have been left with no option but to close schools to pupils on the following days:

**Tuesday 10 January 2023: All Primary schools, including ASL primary schools (Secondary schools open as normal)**

**Wednesday 11 January 2023: All secondary schools, including ASL secondary schools (Primary schools open as normal)**

**Monday 16 January 2023 – Primary and Secondary schools, including ASL schools.**

Our intention is that nursery classes and standalone nurseries will open as normal.

I apologise once again for a situation that is beyond the Council's control, since pay negotiations take place at a national level. I know that having to make alternative arrangements so soon into the new term is difficult for families.

Details of free school meal payments for eligible families to cover the strike days will be posted on our website in the next few days.

We will continue to keep you informed as soon as we have any new information and will update the Council's normal communication channels.

Yours sincerely

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