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Dear Parents/Carers

Update school & nursery closures - Industrial Action Wednesday 1st November 2023

You may be aware from recent media coverage that industrial action is planned by groups of Council staff in relation to pay claims.

I am sorry to advise you that UNISON has announced strike action on **Wednesday 1st November** and the impact means that all our nurseries, primary schools and ASL schools (including ASL secondaries) will be closed to children and young people.

Our secondary schools will only be open for S4 – S6 with similar arrangements to last month's strikes – except for Àrd-sgoil Ghàidhlig Ghlaschu which will be closed to all pupils. It is not part of our PPP Contract and therefore is staffed by Council staff rather than Amey staff.

The strike involves a high percentage of our Education Services staff and will include support for learning workers, escorts, administration staff, catering, janitorial, cleaning services and school crossing patrollers.

It is therefore not possible to secure a safe environment and provide lunches for our young people or maintain continuity of learning.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your children once again.

We will continue to work on alternative arrangements right up to the date of the strikes and if there is any change based on individual risk assessments and suitable catering arrangements being available, I will contact individual schools.

I hope you understand our position and why we must close most of our provision for the planned industrial action. Updates will be posted on the council's communication channels ahead of the dates and any local arrangements communicated by the school or nursery.

Yours sincerely

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