

Educational Services

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Dear Parents/ Carers

I am writing to update you regarding 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 Deputes in Scotland (AHDS), with the first date of industrial action being set as Thursday 24th November 2022.

There are further announcements expected from the remaining teaching unions however I wanted to ensure that all parents/ carers were made aware of the required closure of all schools in South Ayrshire Council on 24th November. The five standalone Early Years Centres noted below will be unaffected on this day and will operate as normal:

- Cherry Tree Early Years Centre
- Girvan Early Years Centre
- Prestwick North Early Years Centre
- Space Place Early Years Centre
- Wallacetown Early Years Centre

I am aware that free school meals may still be required by many young people on the day of industrial action. Arrangements for the provision of free school meals will be provided in due course.

I am aware that the closure of schools will cause challenges to many families but we cannot operate safely without the required number of staff in schools and I thank you for your understanding at this time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lyndsay McRoberts'.

Lyndsay McRoberts
Director of Education