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Dear Parents and Carers,

INDUSTRIAL ACTION AFFECTING SCHOOLS ON WEDNESDAY 07 DECEMBER

I am writing to you with an update regarding the discontinuous industrial action, by various teaching Trade Unions, impacting the Council's educational services.

The Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association (SSTA) and the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT) have confirmed their intention to take strike action on **Wednesday 07 December 2022**, which will cause disruption to many secondary school pupils being able to attend school on this day.

Educational services can confirm that **all** SAC primary schools, early years centres and special schools **will open as normal** on Wednesday 07 December.

However, as we cannot guarantee staffing levels will be sufficient in the following secondary schools on the next day of strike action, and following consultation with all secondary Head Teachers on the numbers of staff expected and the health and safety of our pupils, unfortunately there will be a required full closure of:

- Prestwick Academy
- Ayr Academy
- Kyle Academy
- Belmont Academy, &
- Queen Margaret Academy

The following secondary schools will be partially closed, with S4, S5 and S6 pupils expected to attend school as normal on Wednesday 07 December:

- Marr College (closed to S1, S2 & S3 pupils only)
- Carrick Academy (closed to S1, S2 & S3 pupils only)

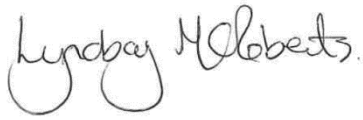
The following secondary school will remain fully open to all pupils:

- Girvan Academy (fully open)

I am aware that, on the day of industrial action, free school meals will be required by many of the young people affected by the aforementioned closures. As such, families entitled to means tested free school meals will receive a payment for every eligible secondary school pupil affected by the industrial action on Wednesday 07 December 2022.

I am also aware that the closure and partial closure of most of our secondary schools will cause an inconvenience to many families, however, 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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and 'M'.

Lyndsay McRoberts
Director of Education