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Dear Parents,

**UPDATE ON STRIKE ACTION BY TEACHERS**

I am writing to you about forthcoming strike action by the teaching unions in Northern Ireland. You may have seen coverage of this in the news, and I wanted to inform you about the impact this is likely to have in our school.

A risk assessment has been conducted which considers the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of pupils, staff and visitors, and whether the school can run a full or amended curriculum, to determine whether it is possible to operate the school safely during the full day strike.

**As the Principal, I and the Board of Governors, have determined that the school will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause disruption. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. A strike by teachers is very unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the period they are on strike.

Yours faithfully,

*J McAuley*

Principal