



***Braidside Integrated Primary  
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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.

When a strike takes place, those taking strike action stop work, and withdraw their labour. Teachers involved in the action will, therefore, not teach their classes or undertake any other duties before 12:00 noon on the strike day.

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 strike.

As the Principal, I and the Board of Governors, have determined that the school will be closed on the morning of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023. School will commence at 12noon on that day. Lunch will take place as usual however, it will be necessary to book a school dinner on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> for Wednesday, as the kitchen will require numbers in advance. The transport providers have confirmed that school buses will be operational for a later bus run for the 12noon start.

This is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. 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,

Principal