



## Education Resources

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Industrial Action – Local Government Trade Unions**

I wish to let you know how the planned roll-out of strike days by members of local government trade unions will affect nurseries and schools in South Lanarkshire on **Tuesday 26 September, Wednesday 27 September 2023 and Thursday 28 September 2023.**

On Thursday 14 September 2023 we have been made aware that the local government trade unions have informed COSLA they have rejected the most recent pay offer and have intimated their intent to continue with industrial action on the dates above.

Negotiations are continuing at a national level, but I would confirm that unless the strike is called off prior to these dates all local authority nursery classes special, primary and secondary establishments will be closed on these 3 days for all children and young people.

Some stand-alone early years establishments will remain open; further information will follow once the establishments that can open have been confirmed.

We fully understand that the nature of these strikes will impact on families, so we are letting you know that the trades unions have now informed us of their intent to take industrial action on these three days.

You are invited to consider making contingency plans for childcare on these three days at the end of September 2023.

Please also note that breakfast clubs will not operate on the days of the strike. The council is making arrangements to help those families who are entitled to a free school meal. A free school meal payment of £2.50 per child, per day, will be made by the council.

We will let you know if anything changes, but in the meantime it is highly likely unless the strike is called off that our school will be closed to pupils on these 3 days.

Yours sincerely

**Head of Establishment**