



**Education Resources**

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**Date:** 26 October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**Industrial Action – Local Government Trade Union**

I wish to let you know of the planned strike day by members of Unison, the largest local government trade union on **Wednesday, 8 November 2023**.

On Wednesday 25 October 2023 we have been made aware that Unison informed COSLA that they still reject the most recent pay offer and have now intimated their intent to continue with industrial action on Wednesday 8 November 2023.

Negotiations are continuing at a national level, but I would confirm that unless the strike is called off prior to this day all local authority nursery classes special, primary and secondary establishments will be affected by this industrial action.

It maybe that some stand-alone early years establishments will be open and we are assessing whether or not we can open our secondary schools for pupils in S4-S6; further information will follow once the schools and establishments which may be able to open have been confirmed.

We fully understand that the nature of these strikes will impact on families, so we are letting you know of the planned industrial action on this day.

You are invited to consider making contingency plans for childcare on Wednesday, 8 November 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 and will provide finalised arrangements as soon as they are known. However, in the meantime it is highly likely unless the strike is called off that most of our schools will be affected on this day.

Yours sincerely

*Hustine McDonald*

**Head of Establishment**