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Dear Parent/Carer

I write to inform you that East Renfrewshire Council has received official notification of strike action on Wednesday 7 December 2022 from the following Trade Unions which represent teachers – NASUWT and SSTA. This action will not affect our early learning and childcare establishments, primary schools or Isobel Mair School; they will all remain open as usual. However, the action will affect all our secondary schools.

Our aim, as always, is to secure a safe environment for our staff and young people and maintain continuity of learning where possible but regretfully given the extent of the action on this occasion there will be a limited service in our high schools. S4-S6 pupils will attend as usual; schools will be closed to S1-S3 pupils. Your child's school will be in touch with you to provide more details about the arrangements for S1-S3 pupils in relation to online work.

I understand that the industrial action will cause significant disruption to the learning of our children and young people and that families will have to make alternative arrangements for childcare during these days. I am sorry for the inconvenience this will cause.

We have also had notice from the EIS of their intention to strike in East Renfrewshire on the following days:

- Tuesday 10 January 2023 in Primary and Special Schools and Wednesday 11 January 2022 in Secondary Schools.
- Tuesday 24 January 2023 for all East Renfrewshire Schools.

While the Council has been formally notified by the various trade unions of their intention to strike, there is also the possibility that through ongoing negotiations the strikes may not take place. The department will keep you informed as the situation develops through the Council website. [www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk](http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk)

As previously intimated, for those pupils who are eligible to receive free school meals and have completed an application, a payment will be made to the parent or carers bank account to provide support for the school closure. A payment of £2.50 will be made for each child and will be paid alongside the Christmas Bridging Payment in mid-December.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark Ratter'.

Mark Ratter  
Director of Education

