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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of further upcoming industrial action set to take place which will affect all of our schools and early learning and childcare establishments. The Council has been advised by the trade unions that they intend to take industrial action on both Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March.

Our aim, as always, is to secure a safe environment for our staff and young people and maintain continuity of learning where possible but, regrettably, given the extent of the action on these days there will be an impact in all our establishments as follows:

- Tuesday 28th February & Wednesday 1st March 2023 – All Primary Schools will be closed; all Secondary Schools will be closed; and Isobel Mair School will be closed. Nursery Classes and Family Centres will remain open but may be subject to limited opening hours.

In relation to the provision in family centres and nursery classes, your child's nursery will be in touch with you to confirm the arrangements for their attendance.

In addition, we understand that further industrial action will be taking place in different local authorities across Scotland on twenty consecutive days throughout March and April. At this stage, the Council has not been advised on the specific dates that this will take place within East Renfrewshire. When we receive notification from the trade unions of their intention to take further action, this will be shared by your child's school or nursery. We will also use the Council's social media channels to keep you up to date with any decisions.

I understand that the ongoing industrial action will cause significant disruption to your child's learning and that once again you will have to put alternative childcare arrangements in place. I am sorry for the inconvenience this will cause.

Whilst the Council has been advised of the proposed industrial action, 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

As with previous closures caused by industrial action, all children eligible to receive free school meals, having a confirmed application, will receive a payment of £2.50 for each day they cannot attend school. This payment will be made to the parent or carers bank account in advance of the spring holiday.

Yours faithfully

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

Mark Ratter
Director of Education

