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Dear Parent/Carer

I write to inform you that East Renfrewshire Council has received official notification of strike action from the following Trade Unions which represent teachers - EIS and AHDS. This action will affect all our schools and early learning and childcare establishments. It is proposed that the industrial action will take place on Thursday 24 November. 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 this occasion all schools will be closed to primary and secondary age pupils and there will be a limited service in our Family Centres and Nursery Classes across the Council. Your child's nursery will be in touch with you to confirm the arrangements for attendance.

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.

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

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. Please note, the payment will be made using the bank account details supplied for the payment of any other benefits paid by the Council. If you use add-on care in one of the Council's early years establishments then this service will not be available on the days of the strike. Any payments already made will be deducted from your future charges.

Yours faithfully

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

Mark Ratter
Director of Education

