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Dear Parent/Carer

As previously advised, I write 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 teaching trade unions have announced a cycle of scheduled strike action across Scotland from Monday 16th January 2023, **for East Renfrewshire, the industrial action is set to take place on Tuesday 24th January 2023.**

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 there will be an impact in all our establishments as follows:

- Tuesday 24th January 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.

I truly understand that the continued disruption from industrial action is significantly interrupting the learning of our children and young people and that once again you will have to make alternative arrangements for childcare during these days. I apologise for this ongoing situation which is beyond the Council's control.

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 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 further payment of £2.50 will be made for each eligible child and will be paid alongside the holiday payment made in advance of the mid-term holiday in early February.

Yours faithfully

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

Mark Ratter
Director of Education

