



Dear Parents and Carers,

## **POTENTIAL STRIKE ACTION –**

I can confirm the GMB and Unison Trade Unions are still planning to take industrial action on **26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

Following a robust assessment based on what is known at this stage, I write to inform you that it looks highly likely that we will have to physically close ELCs primary and secondary schools on the above dates due to insufficient staffing levels to operate safely and return to home learning for the three days. We realise that this decision will have significant implications for your family and hope that timely notification will be helpful to you.

Head Teachers will have clearer understanding of staffing levels after the first day, should schools have the capacity to open to specific groups of learners they will make local arrangements. All young people unable to attend school during the industrial action will be provided with home learning tasks to complete.

If the strike action goes ahead and your young person is in receipt of free school meals under universal credit, you will be provided with a bank transfer to the cost of one meal for the day your child is impacted by the strike action. If your bank details are not held by the service, this will be received in cheque form through the post as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding and our apologies once again for the inconvenience caused.

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