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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Half day strike action by teachers on 29th November 2023**

I am writing to you about forthcoming strike action by the teaching unions in Northern Ireland. You may have seen coverage of this in the news, and I wanted to inform you about the impact this is likely to have at our school.

**How will strike action affect Rosstulla School**

When a strike takes place, those taking strike action stop work and withdraw their labour. Teachers involved in the action will, therefore, not teach their class(es) or undertake any other duties before 12.00 noon on the strike day.

A risk assessment has been conducted which considers the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of pupils, staff and visitors, and whether the school can run a full or amended curriculum, to determine whether it is possible to operate the school safely during the strike.

The Board of Governors have determined:

The school will be closed for pupils on morning of Wednesday 29th November 2023

Pupils are welcome to attend school from 12.15pm on the day of the strike.

Unfortunately, school transport will not be available to transport the pupils from home to school however the usual school to home transport at 2pm and 3pm will be available.

I would appreciate it if you could let the class teacher know via seesaw if you intend to drop your child to school at 12.15pm on that day.

A school lunch will be available for any pupils who want it.

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. A strike by teachers is very unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the period that they are on strike.

Yours sincerely

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