



ROSTULLA SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

R.E. Up and coming strike action

I wish to inform you about forthcoming strike action by the teaching unions in Northern Ireland. All 5 teaching unions will be taking part in a **full day of strike action by teachers on 18th January 2024**. Some non-teaching unions will potentially be taking strike action on that day also.

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 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 Thursday 18th January 2024.

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.

Further to this Unite Union has agreed strike action Wednesday 17th, 18th & 19th January 2024, 24th, 25th & 26th January 2024 and 1st & 2nd February 2024. This will impact on transport to and from school for some pupils of Rosstulla School. Transport will inform you directly if this will impact your child.

Yours sincerely

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(Principal)