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Dear Parents/Carers

Nurseries, Primaries and ASL schools closed due to Industrial Action 6th, 7th, 8th September 2022

You may be aware from media coverage that industrial action is planned for groups of Council staff in relation to pay claims.

It is with regret that I must advise you that strike action has been notified for Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th September and the impact means that our primary, ASL schools and nurseries will be closed on these days and then open again on Friday 9th September.

The intention is to provide all free school meal entitled families with a direct payment to their bank accounts to cover the three days and we will post updates on the council's website over the next few days.

The strike will involve many of our Education Services staff and will include early years staff, support for learning workers, escorts and administration staff. Catering, janitorial, cleaning services and school crossing patrollers will also be involved.

Our aim, as always, is to secure a safe environment for our staff and young people and maintain continuity of learning where possible but the extent of the action on this occasion means that we have had to take the decision to close all the city's Primary Schools, Early Learning and Childcare establishments, and ASL schools.

At the time of writing and subject to confirmation from our secondary estate contractor AMEY, secondary schools will remain open but there will be restrictions on service as follows and we will communicate any updates as soon as we know:

- There will be no breakfast club or mid-morning snack provision
- School meals will take the form of packed lunch / snacks. Pupils not in receipt of free school meals should bring a packed lunch as should pupils with special dietary needs.
- There will be no after school care provision as all school lets will be cancelled.
- Escort provision for pupils entitled to transport cannot be guaranteed and parents / carers are asked to make alternative arrangements.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your children because of this announcement.

I hope you understand that we have been left with no option but to limit our provision over the three days of the planned industrial action and we will post any updates on the council's communication channels.

Yours sincerely

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