

# St Joseph's Primary School



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Dear Parents

Given that there has been no progress towards a resolution to the ongoing teachers' pay dispute, the constituent members of the Northern Ireland Teachers' Council (NITC), today informed the Managing Authority of their intention to instruct members to engage in strike action beginning 00:01 on Wednesday 29 November 2023 and ending at 12 noon on Wednesday 29 November 2023.

We await further instruction from unions regarding this strike and further action planned for the following weeks but want to keep you as informed as possible so that you can make any necessary arrangements.

St. Joseph's will be closed for all pupils until 12 noon on the day of strike action (Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November). No pupils will be permitted access until 12 noon on that day. Dinners will be served as normal at 12:15pm and the rest of the school day will proceed as normal – usual pick-ups, after schools, etc.

We kindly ask that you inform the school office of dinner requirements for Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> so that sufficient meals are delivered.

As a further escalation to the action, NITC has announced that they are planning an additional four full day strikes to take place in the Spring term on dates yet to be agreed. We will keep you updated.

Yours sincerely

F Macfarlane