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Dear Parents/Guardians

You will be aware that Unions have been involved in Action Short of Strike since October 2022. This has now escalated again, and the Unions have instructed all EA support staff including classroom assistants, care takers, secretaries, supervisors, bus drivers and kitchen staff to withdraw their labour for a whole day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

EA support staff have a legitimate right to take Strike Action and as I am unable to guarantee that EA support staff will present themselves for work on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, following a risk assessment, I have had to take the difficult decision to close the school on the day of the strike.

As we are closed for midterm break next week, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> would be the day we return from our break, therefore I want to give parents as much notice as possible. Should the Unions resolve the dispute and call off strike action I will endeavour to inform parents as soon as possible.

**The school will be closed for all pupils on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.**

Yours sincerely,

*Sarah McDowell*

Mrs McDowell

Principal