



30th May 2024 **Dromintee Primary School**

Dear parents and school community *An Léinn* • *An Grá* • *An Sult*

Strike Action by Non-Teaching Staff

We have been notified by non-teaching unions UNITE, GMB and NIPSA of their intention to invoke 24hr strike action from midnight on 2nd June to midnight on 3rd June.

What does this mean for us in Dromintee Primary School?

A detailed 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. In conjunction with the Governors we have decided **TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL FOR ALL PUPILS ON MONDAY 3rd JUNE 2024**

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption. We would ask you, however, to be understanding. This is a very unusual circumstance and is the direct result of the failure by DENI and management side to settle a trade dispute linked to the EA Pay and Grading Review of our very valued and important non-teaching staff.

The leadership and teaching staff of Dromintee Primary School cannot operate safely or effectively without all our non-teaching colleagues and fully support their right to strike.

Taking strike action is not something that anyone 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 faithfully

Wendy McKeown
Principal

Michelle Kelly
Vice-Principal