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## **Full day of strike action by non-teaching education workers on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

I am writing to you about forthcoming strike action by the non-teaching unions in Northern Ireland. You may have seen coverage of this in the news, and I wanted to inform you about the impact this is likely to have on our school.

When a strike takes place, those taking strike action stop work and withdraw their labour. Everyone involved in the action will, therefore, not undertake any other duties on the strike day.

### **How will strike action affect St. Michael's Primary School, Killean?**

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.

As the Principal, I and the Board of Governors have determined the school **will be closed** on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. This is a very unusual circumstance and is the direct result of the failure to take into account the very real concerns expressed by all non-teaching staff and school leaders. 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. The responsibility to resolve this dispute lies squarely with the Department of Education and our local government.

Yours faithfully,

Mr McAteer