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## Half Day Strike Action by Teachers on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 school closed until 12.15 pm.

Dear Parents/Carers

Given that there has been no progress toward a resolution to the ongoing teachers' pay dispute, the Northern Ireland Teachers' Council, (NITC), has informed the Managing Authority of their intention to instruct members to engage in strike action on **Wednesday 29 November 2023**.

### How will strike action affect St Patrick's Primary School?

When a strike takes place, those taking strike action stop work and withdraw their labour. Teachers involved will engage in strike action beginning 00:01 on Wednesday 29 November, ending at 12 noon Wednesday 29 November 2023.

As principal I have considered the impact this action will have on health and safety. **Therefore, I have determined there is no alternative but to close the school to pupils until 12.15 noon on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November.** This will not impact attendance, even for those who are unable to get in for the half day.

**The school doors will not open until 12 .15 noon.**

On arrival children should proceed to classrooms via their normal route.

Lunch will be served as usual from 12:30 pm.

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause disruption. As a further escalation to the action, NITC has announced that they are planning additional strikes day to take place in the Spring term on dates to be agreed.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

**Together We Pray, We Play, We Learn, We Grow.**