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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Update Regarding Industrial Action

I hope everyone is having a good week. As I'm sure you are aware, the indefinite strike by school secretaries and caretakers who are members of the ForSA trade union is now into a second week. All teachers and SNAs in our school support our colleagues Ciara and Goran in this justifiable action. All secretaries and caretakers should have access to the Public Service Pension and basic entitlements such as sick leave and bereavement leave, just like their teaching and SNA colleagues. If you would like to support the school secretaries and caretakers, please feel free to contact your local Councillors/Politicians, noting the valuable contributions that our school secretaries and caretakers make to school life, as well as stating the impact that the strike is having on the ground for pupils and staff alike. Both secretaries and caretakers are at the heart of school life and it is important that they be treated equally to their colleagues.

Parents should be aware that the action is having a very serious impact on the running of the school. Please note:

The school office and school gates are not staffed during the action. Parents should only visit the school by appointment. Parents should contact their class teacher separately by email if they require a meeting or to pass on general information (please see August newsletter for relevant email addresses- also available on the school website www.luskjns.ie).

The school black wheelie bins have not been emptied and are now at full capacity. We ask that all children continue to bring their left-over lunches home. No food should be put in the school bins.

We also ask that children bring a small hand/face cloth to school in a small wash bag in order that they can wash and dry their hands after using the bathroom. This will reduce the amount of blue roll being used in the school.

These are initial steps to keep the school safe. However, we will be in touch with you next week should further steps need to be taken.

New Maths Curriculum Inspection

The school was informed this week of a school evaluation in the area of Maths. There will be two Department inspectors visiting the school next Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th September, in order to evaluate the implementation of the new Maths curriculum and also to support its application within the school. The school has been engaging in Teacher Professional Development over the past two years and updating its school plans on an ongoing basis. We look forward to the opportunity to demonstrate next week what has been put in place by the school and also, to hearing the feedback from the inspectors that will support the ongoing teaching and learning of Maths in our school.

Thanks as always for your ongoing cooperation in supporting the school and its students as we begin the new school year.

Kind regards,
Orfhlaith Clarke
Principal, Lusk JNS

