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Dear Mums, Dads, Carers,

I am sure you are aware that the Teaching Unions has called for collective strike action for its members on Thursday 18th January 2024.

This impacts all schools and, consequently, the safe operation of the school day.

As always, the safety of all the children in our care is the main priority. The situation is, therefore, that we have had to make the decision to close the school, to all children, on Thursday 18th January 2024.

This is not a decision we have taken lightly but one we believe is right, in the circumstances, to ensure the safety of all.

Trade Union members have the right to participate in strike action in their efforts to improve their working terms and conditions. As I highlighted at our Prize Giving in June 2023, the funding for schools and staff has not been adequate for quite some time and there have been cuts to services which support the most vulnerable in our society. This situation is unsustainable, so the teaching unions have taken the difficult decision, as voted by the members, to, again, call for strike action.

I appreciate this arrangement may cause an inconvenience to you, as parents, but we, as a staff, greatly appreciate your ongoing understanding and support.

Thank you.

***Áine Fleming***