

**Kilbroney Integrated Primary School**

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21/11/2023

Dear Parent,

I write to you about the planned strike action being taken by teaching unions in Northern Ireland and its impact on our school. A half day strike is planned for **Wednesday 29th November 2023.**  Teachers involved in strike action will, therefore, not teach their classes or undertake any other duties on the morning of the strike day.

A risk assessment has been carried out to consider the impact that the strike action will have on the health and safety of pupils, staff and visitors in order to determine if it’s possible for the school to operate safely and this has been discussed with the Chair of the Board of Governors.

As a result, it has been determined that it is not viable to open the school for children on this day ***until 12.15pm***. **There will be no morning bus on this day.** The bus will run as normal at home-time**. Pupils will begin school at 12.15pm** and finish at normal finishing times. Please let the class teacher know the day before if your child wishes to have school meals.

Clearly this is a difficult situation which will cause some disruption, but I would ask for your understanding. A strike by teaching staff is highly unusual and taking strike action is not something that any staff member would undertake lightly.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Porter

Principal