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Dear Parents/Carers

Nursery, Primary and ASL schools closing due to Industrial Action Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 March 2022

You may be aware from recent media coverage that industrial action is planned for groups of Council staff in relation to equal pay claims.

It is with regret that I have to advise you that strike action has been notified for Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 March 2022.

The strike will affect many of our Education Services staff who are Unison and GMB Members covered by the 2019 Equal Pay Settlement, and will include early years staff, support for learning workers, escorts and administration staff. Catering and cleaning services will also be impacted.

Our aim, as always, is to secure a safe environment for our staff and young people and maintain continuity of learning for our families where possible but the extent of action on this occasion will mean that we have been left with no option but to close all the city's Primary Schools, Early Learning and Childcare establishments, and ASL schools.

Secondary schools will remain open but there will be restrictions on service as follows:

- There will be no breakfast club or mid-morning snack provision
- School meals will take the form of packed lunch / snacks. Pupils not in receipt of free school meals should bring a packed lunch as should pupils with special dietary needs.
- There will be no after school care provision as all school lets will be cancelled.
- Escort provision for pupils entitled to transport cannot be guaranteed and parents / carers are asked to make alternative arrangements.

I am sorry that you will have to make short notice, alternative arrangements for your child because of this announcement, and there will be no online learning. I regret that we have been left with no option but to limit our provision over the two days of the planned industrial action next week.

Yours sincerely

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