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Principal: Mr. H. Duffin B.Ed. (Hons), PQH

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may be aware, all teachers' unions in Northern Ireland plan to take strike action on **Wednesday 26th April 2023**. This is a dispute between teacher unions and the employers; it is not a dispute within our school.

The action, (a full-day strike), will result in class or whole school closures across the north. A number of St Anne's teaching staff will be on strike, for the reasons outlined above, on **Wednesday 26th April 2023**.

Due to this industrial action, I have no option but to close St Anne's Primary school to pupils on Wednesday 26th April 2023. There will be no classes in operation, no school meals and no after school activities on this day.

Please note that your child's non-attendance due to strike action will not be counted as an absence on their attendance record.

Given the inconvenience caused for parents/carers, the decision to close the school is never taken lightly. However, in this instance, where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, I have no choice but to take the steps outlined above.

The trade unions have stated that they will continue to seek a resolution and if the industrial action is averted I will advise parents accordingly.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Duffin', written in a cursive style.

Henry Duffin (Principal)