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

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may be aware, teachers' unions plan to take strike action on the morning of **Wednesday 29th November 2023**. This is a dispute between teacher unions and the employers; it is not a dispute within our school.

The action, (a half-day strike), will result in class or whole school closures across Northern Ireland. A number of St Anne's teaching staff will be on strike, for the reasons outlined above, on the morning of Wednesday 29th November.

Due to this industrial action, and considering outcomes of a risk assessment, I have no option but to close St Anne's Primary school to pupils on the morning of Wednesday 29th November 2023 until 12.10 pm, allowing time for teachers to prepare for the arrival of the pupils. Our school day will be as usual from 12.10pm, beginning with lunch, then classes until the children's usual finishing times. Those children who wish to receive school meals can do so as usual. Please book your child's meal on the MS Form in the usual way.

Please note that your child's non-attendance on Wednesday 29th November will not be counted as an absence on their attendance record.

There will be no EA bus to bring children to school on Wednesday 29th November. The EA bus will collect St Anne's pupils after school as usual at 2pm and at 2.50pm

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. If the industrial action is averted I will advise parents/guardians accordingly.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Henry Duffin (Principal)