



04 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Planned strike action by teachers - 10 and 11 January 2023

As you may be aware further strike action has been announced by members of the Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS), the Association of Head Teachers and Deputies Scotland (AHDS) and Scottish Secondary Schools Association (SSTA) for 10 and 11 January 2023.

Should strike action go ahead it will result in a significant reduction in staffing levels within schools across Midlothian and will impact on the safe operating of services for our children and young people. Therefore we anticipate the following arrangements

Tuesday 10 January 2023

- All Midlothian **primary schools** are expected to close to all pupils
- All **primary** and **ASN primary** home to school transport will not operate
- All **additional support needs provisions based in our primary schools** will be closed to all pupils.
- **Saltergate School** –expected to close to all pupils
- All **local authority early learning and childcare settings** will be closed with the exception of Scots Corner and Vogrie nurseries which will operate as normal
- Out of school clubs, breakfast clubs operated by external organisations within primary school buildings should be open as normal unless otherwise advised by the organisation/operator

Wednesday 11 January 2023

- All Midlothian **secondary schools** are expected to close to all pupils
- All **additional support needs provisions based in our secondary schools** will be closed to pupils
- **Saltergate School** – open to all pupils (primary and secondary)
- All **secondary and ASN home to school transport** will not operate, except for Saltergate transport
- Out of school clubs, breakfast clubs operated by external organisations within secondary school buildings should be open as normal unless otherwise advised by the organisation/operator
- Community facilities co-located within a secondary school campus will be open as normal

National negotiations are still ongoing, and if they are able to reach an agreement, it is possible that strike action could be called off. In this event, we will notify you as soon as possible with updates on the council's website, social media and via schools. If the planned strike action goes ahead, pupils will still be able to access learning materials online and a

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BACs payment will be made to pupils affected by the strike who are entitled to free school meals (not universal).

We appreciate that further industrial action will cause significant disruption to the learning of our children and young people, and many of you will now need to have alternative arrangements in place during these days. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely



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