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Dear Parents/Carers,

Half day strike action by teachers on 21 February

I am writing to you about the forthcoming strike action by the teaching unions in Northern Ireland. You may have seen coverage of this in the news, and I wanted to inform you about the impact this is likely to have at our school.

How will strike action affect Sperrinview?

When a strike takes place, those taking strike action stop work and withdraw their labour. Teachers involved in the action will, therefore, not teach their class or undertake any other duties before 12.00 noon on the strike day. A detailed risk assessment has been conducted which considers the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of pupils, staff and visitors, and whether the school can run a full or amended curriculum, to determine whether it is possible to operate the school safely during the strike.

As the Principal, I and the Board of Governors, following guidance received from EA this afternoon, have determined that:

- The school will be closed until 12 noon on Tuesday 21 February
- The kitchen staff will be asked to prepare a simple lunch for those who require it
- Parents are asked tomorrow to confirm if their child(ren) need a lunch on this day



- School timings will remain as normal - ie pupils under 8 yrs old will still go home at 1.10pm and pupils over 8 yrs old will go home at 2.50pm.
- Transport will NOT be available to bring pupils into school for 12 noon, but WILL be available to bring pupils home at 1.10pm and 2.50pm.

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which will cause some disruption. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. A strike by teachers is very unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the period that they are on strike.

Yours sincerely,



Paula Jordan Principal

