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Dear parents/guardians,

I trust this email finds you well and that your children have settled back into the school routines following the half term break.

Many of you will already be aware that there is some strike action planned for next week which may have an impact on schools. Today I received the following communication from the EA which they asked me to share with you:

The Education Authority (EA) has warned of expected disruption to some school services as a result of strike action notified by UNISON, UNITE the UNION, NIPSA and GMB. This strike action will commence with UNITE the UNION from Wednesday 15th November 2023. UNISON, UNITE the UNION, NIPSA and GMB will all take strike action on Thursday 16th November 2023. The EA is working with schools, youth services and partners to minimise any disruption to children and young people caused by the strike action. However, due to the large number of staff anticipated to be involved in the planned action, we are expecting significant disruption, including to EA home to school transport (yellow bus), school meals and cleaning services. The strike action will also have a major impact on the availability of Classroom Assistants in schools and may also impact on EA services to schools. We encourage parents/carers to check the EA website for regular updates and details of any planned disruption here: www.eani.org.uk/industrialactionupdates - information is also available across EA social media channels.

Currently, I have been informed that our school kitchen will not be operational on Thursday 16th November. Therefore, I am asking all parents and guardians to provide a packed lunch for their children which they will eat in their classroom during their normal lunchtime. It would also be greatly appreciated if a plastic bag was sent to school so that all items of waste can be sent home.

As stated above, please keep checking the EA website for further information and I will be in touch again if we need to update/change our school arrangements before Thursday.

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation regarding this matter.

Yours faithfully

H M Bentley

Principal