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Parents/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will know, members of the teachers' unions NASUWT and SSTA will be holding strike action next **Thursday (December 8)**. This action relates to a national dispute.

From the information provided to Aberdeenshire Council by the unions, we have made the decision that, where possible, all our schools will remain open.

However, the industrial action will affect each school in different ways and could therefore lead to the closure or partial closure of some schools and disrupted timetables in others.

A partial closure would only happen in our secondary schools and could mean that only S5 and S6 pupils attend.

We understand the uncertainty this brings, but the safety and wellbeing of our pupils is our paramount concern. You will therefore receive a direct communication from your school Head Teacher in the next few days explaining how the planned strike action will affect you.

Strike action will not affect our early learning settings and school lets (groups and clubs that utilise school space) and these will be open and operate as usual.

Yours faithfully



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