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Dear parents/carers,

As you will see from the accompanying letter from Vincent Docherty, Head of Service, Aberdeenshire Council, teachers' unions NASUWT and SSTA will be participating in strike action on Thursday, 8 December 2022.

Ellon Academy Context:

- As a school, we have a high number of teachers in these unions and other Aberdeenshire secondary schools are in the same position
- There is uncertainty regarding which staff choose to strike on the day
- We cannot cover the classes of striking staff and this would result in classes being unsupervised
- We cannot cover registration classes for striking staff, and this would result in pupils being unaccounted for, leading to potential child protection concerns

So regrettably, for these reasons, Ellon Academy will be unable to safely open and will be closed to all pupils on Thursday 8th December.

We hope that this advance notice of our situation is helpful to you as you plan any potential childcare if required.

School lets (groups and clubs that utilise school space) will be open and operate as usual.

We are also aware that there may be continued industrial action in the coming months, and we will communicate our contingency plans for those senior phase learners whom this may impact upon during our January Assessment window next term.

Yours sincerely,

P Buchan

Mrs P Buchan
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