

Parents and Carers

Date 17 January 2023

Your ref

Our ref ECS/S&LL/LFAH

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing again about the industrial action that has been planned by some of the teaching unions, which unfortunately will have implications for schools.

- Primary Schools will close for pupils on Wednesday 25 January 2023
- Secondary schools will also close for pupils, but some local arrangements may be in place, for example for those taking assessments. Secondary Headteachers will be in touch directly to confirm local arrangements
- Special schools will fully close except Gorgie Mills and Prospect Bank which will be partially open. Again, those Headteachers will confirm local arrangements
- Contingency Learning is available on the Council website [here](#).
- Free School Meal payments for eligible families will be sent out by the Council's Transactions Team as before
- Out of School Care will be confirmed locally

Please also note that further action is proposed by the EIS Union including two days of national strike action in all schools and sectors on 28 February and 1 March, followed by a rolling programme of strikes for 20 days between 13 March and 21 April.

Finally, it is important to confirm that we are committed to closing all gaps in learning no matter their origin and will discuss what additional actions we can take at our next round of Locality Parent Council and Headteacher meetings.

With sincere thanks again for your understanding,



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