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**Dear Parents/Carers**

**INDUSTRIAL ACTION – SCHOOLS OPEN (with the exception of the Enhanced Support Provision)**

Following the suspension of industrial action by both the GMB and Unite unions, Dundee City Council has been working to open as many of its educational establishments as possible this week during planned strike days by the Unison union.

I am writing to inform you that your child's secondary school will be open to pupils in S1-S6, except those requiring enhanced support, on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September due to industrial action as part of a national dispute over pay. Assessments have been made in relation to the decision for your school to be open based on the ability to operate safely for as many pupils as possible. There will be no Enhanced Support provision (your Head Teacher will confirm for individual pupils who require enhanced support).

The strike action in Dundee is in relation to Unison members working for Dundee City Council in schools who provide services to the running and operation of schools and nurseries.

I am sorry that some of you will have to make alternative arrangements for your children over the three days of action because of this announcement. I appreciate the disruption that this will cause to families.

Teachers will continue to work and remote learning will be provided for pupils. Paper learning packs will also be made available if needed. Families will be contacted directly by their school about home learning arrangements.

Arrangements are being made for free school meal payments to be made directly to qualifying households for the three days that schools are closed. You can also access sources of help and advice from Dundee City Council, our partners and external organisations related to the cost of living at <https://www.dundee.gov.uk/costofliving>.

We will review the situation on a daily basis. If these arrangements change we will update parents and carers and share via your school as soon as we can.

If you have any questions about the upcoming school closures, please contact your child's Head Teacher in the first instance. The council will publish updates on its website and social media channels. All establishments will reopen as normal on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely



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