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*Headteacher Lynn Harrison*

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Re: Teachers Strike Action July 2023

Dear parents,

Apologies for the late announcement, regarding the forthcoming strikes, but many staff involved are currently away on residential and quite rightly that has been their priority.

As you will be aware there are 2 days of planned strike action next week, Wednesday and Friday, and school staff have carefully considered their personal action.

During the previous strikes, we have endeavoured to minimise the disruption of strike action by adapting our planning to ensure the children have not missed out on their education.

No teacher actually wants to strike at this time, but we do want to support the Unions, who have the equal interests of teachers, pupils and schools as priority. It is unacceptable that Scottish and Welsh teachers have been offered a higher pay increase than all teachers in England. In addition to a satisfactory pay offer, the government must commit to funding the pay offer, otherwise the increase will come out of an already meagre budget and in the long run the children will lose out on resources or support staff in school.

However, as we have Cyclewise and Childrens' Forest days planned for next week, which cannot be rearranged, staff have decided to put the needs of the pupils first and ensure that they do not miss out on these exciting activities and therefore have, reluctantly, decided not to take strike action next week.

Yours sincerely

*Lynn Harrison*