



2 December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Proposed Education Industrial Action – Thursday 8 December

Please find attached a letter from Lorna French (Acting Head of Schools & Lifelong Learning) about the proposed industrial action planned for Thursday 8 December.

Due to employee rights regarding industrial action, we are unable to collate accurate information in advance about which teachers will be striking on Thursday 8 December. We are also aware that some non-striking colleagues may take action in support of striking colleagues.

Craigmount High School will therefore be **closed to all pupils** on Thursday 8 December due to the large number of staff who are expected to be on strike as this will have an impact on the learning and teaching of most learners. However, teachers who are not involved in the industrial action will provide online work for their classes and work with them on Teams on Thursday. It is therefore important that your child checks their Teams pages regularly throughout the day at the time they would normally have each class to see if work has been provided.

If there are no lessons, Contingency Learning Grids are available on the CEC webpage using the following link: www.edinburgh.gov.uk/homelearning. This page will continue to be updated regularly. Alternative forms of learning including Scholar, e-Sgoil and ClickView links are also available on the City of Edinburgh Council webpage above.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, they will be able to come to school for lunch which will be available between 12.30pm and 1pm.

We have made alternative arrangements for the Formal Assessments which were due to take place on Thursday as follows:

	Original Date/Time	New Date/Time
National 5 Formal Assessments	Thursday 8 December Periods 1 and 2	Thursday 15 December Periods 1 and 2
Higher/Advanced Higher Assessments	Thursday 8 December Periods 5, 6 and 7	Tuesday 13 December Periods 5, 6 and 7

There is the possibility through ongoing negotiations at a national level that the strike may not take place. If the current position changes, I will inform you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Colin Meikle
Headteacher

Parents and Carers

Date 02 December 2022

Your ref

Our ref ECS/S&LL/LFAH

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know what our response will be to the announcement of industrial action by another two teaching unions, the SSTA and the NASUWT. The date of industrial action has been set for Thursday 8th December 2022.

- As only 10% of the workforce will be involved, we will keep as many schools open as possible
- Secondary schools which will be partially or fully closed have larger numbers of staff in the SSTA or NASUWT or have members of other unions who will not cover classes of striking colleagues
- Teachers and other staff who are not striking will attend school to deliver teaching and learning
- All primary schools and early years provision will remain open as normal
- Almost all special schools will be fully open
- All secondary pupils entitled to a free school meal will be able to collect it from school at lunchtime, even if their school is closed or partially closed
- Clubs will run as normal

As we cannot gather precise information in advance of Industrial Action, there may be additional disruption on the day, and we ask for your understanding if we have to take additional actions. We will do our best to keep you updated.

Headteachers will write to you to give you their local arrangements later today.

With thanks again for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,



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