

Parents and Carers

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Our ref ECS/S&LL/LF/AH

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you about the industrial action that has been planned for next week. We have reviewed our risk planning in the light of the news that, following a ballot, another one of the unions will not be taking industrial action. As the largest union is taking action, this means we still cannot safely open schools to pupils, however, some term-time nursery classes, in Primary schools, will be open.

- All schools will close for pupils on 28th February 2023 and 1st March 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.
- Early years – All settings open on previous strike days will remain open. Some term-time only nursery classes in primary schools may be able to open if they have the required senior leadership present in the school. You will receive a communication from your child's school if this is the case.
- Special schools will fully close except Gorgie Mills, which will be partially open, and Braidburn Nursery. The 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 with a rolling programme of industrial action on certain days between 13th March and 21st April.

With sincere thanks again for your understanding.



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