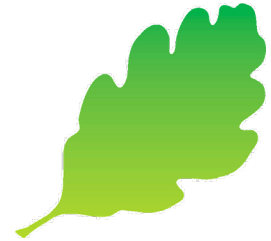


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Planned strike action by teachers – Tuesday 28 February and Wednesday 1 March 2023

In January I indicated that strike action had been declared by the Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS) for 28 February and 1 March 2023. The NASUWT (Scotland) and the Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association (SSTA) have also announced two days of strike action on 28 February and 1 March, affecting all Scottish schools and settings.

As a result **all Midlothian schools, including ASN provisions, are expected to close to pupils on Tuesday 28 February and Wednesday 1 March 2023** unless an agreement is reached before then. All local authority early learning and childcare settings will also close with the exception of Scots Corner and Vogrie nurseries. Out of school clubs, breakfast clubs operated by external organisations within primary school buildings should be open as normal unless otherwise advised by the organisation/operator.

National negotiations are still ongoing, and if an agreement is reached, it is possible that strike action could be called off. I will keep you informed of any further developments or arrangements via the council's website, social media and via schools.

I know these 2 days of action will mean further disruption to learning and that our families will have to make alternative childcare arrangements. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Pupils will be able to access learning materials online and a BACs payment will be made to pupils who are entitled to free school meals (not universal).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Strong', with a large loop at the end.

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