## Hart Memorial Primary School and Nursery Unit

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Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to you about a planned full day of industrial strike action on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 by the teaching and non-teaching trade union members across Northern Ireland. As you already will know, when a strike takes place, those taking strike action stop work and withdraw their labour.

Considering this, there is no alternative but to close the school to all pupils on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. The Chairman of Governors has been informed. Your child's attendance record will not be affected by this action.

If you have already paid for your child to attend an after school club on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, Healthy Kidz have informed us that this money will roll over and they will add an extra session at the end of the current block.

Taking strike action is not something that any staff member would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and hope to see an end to this period of dispute as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Andrew Frizzell Principal