



Dear Parent

### **SCHOOL RUN AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (TUESDAY & THURSDAY AFTERNOONS) FOR YEARS 4-7**

There is still time to sign up for school run after school activities which start next week (week commencing 15 January 2024). In order to allocate staff to each activity and make appropriate arrangements, we would ask that you sign up via School Money by Friday, 12 January if your child would like to participate.

### **STRIKE ACTION BY TEACHERS ON THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2024**

I am writing to you about forthcoming strike action by the teaching unions in Northern Ireland. You may have seen coverage of this in the news, and I wanted to inform you about the impact this is likely to have at our school.

### **HOW WILL STRIKE ACTION AFFECT WHITEHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT?**

When a strike takes place, those taking strike action stop work and withdraw their labour. Teachers involved in the action will, therefore, not teach their class or undertake any other duties on the strike day.

A risk assessment has been conducted which considers the impact that the action will have on the health and safety of pupils, staff and visitors, and whether the school can run a full or amended curriculum, to determine whether it is possible to operate the school safely during the strike.

**As the Principal, I have determined that there is no alternative but to close school to all pupils on Thursday 18 January. The Board of Governors have been informed.**

Clearly this is a difficult situation which will cause some disruption. I would ask you, however, to be understanding. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the period that they are on strike.

Kind regards.

**J LOUGHINS**  
Principal