

NMc/HM

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Dear Parents and Carers

Further to the strike action declared by the EIS and the AHDS on 24 November 2022, the Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association (SSTA) has announced that their members will take strike action on Thursday 8 December 2022.

As this only affects our secondary schools, and the impact is dependent on schools' individual circumstances, each school will have its own arrangements.

I am very aware of the disruption caused by any decisions involving partial closure of our schools, so wish to give you notice of the following for 8 December:

- Dunbar Grammar School will be open to S4/5/6 only. Senior students should attend and follow their usual timetable. Some classes may not be running, but students will be provided with IT and a supervised workspace.
- All other students in S1/2/3 should not attend. Work will be uploaded to Google classroom for the lessons which students usually have on a Thursday. Please note that staff who are participating in strike action will not be able to upload work. Therefore, supplementary tasks and additional resources will be shared by Mr McBride.
- School crossing patrols will be operational
- All ASN and Home to School transport will operate for those for whom it is required (as above)
- A BACs payment will be made for those children and young people who qualify for a free school meal under the income threshold and who are not in school on 8 December due to industrial action

As with last week's strike, I know that this action will mean disruption to learning, and that our families will have to make alternative childcare arrangements on that day, however as always, ensuring the health and safety of our children and young people must take priority.

As with any announcement about strike action, there remains a possibility that ongoing pay negotiations may mean that the strike is called off. I will keep you informed of any further developments and arrangements via our website and your child's school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola McDowell', enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Nicola McDowell
Head of Education