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Dear Parents and Carers

As you know, strike action has been declared by the Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS) and the Association of Head Teachers and Deputies Scotland (AHDS) on 24 November 2022.

All services affected have discussed the impact that this action would have on the health and safety of our children and young people given that there will be a significantly reduced number of teaching staff, including those in leadership positions in our schools and Early Learning and Childcare settings.

I am very aware of the disruption caused by any decisions involving closure of our school buildings, so wish to give you notice of the following for 24 November:

- all East Lothian Council schools and Early Learning and Childcare settings will be closed to all children and young people for learning
- lets in schools for breakfast, after school and sports clubs can continue
- school crossing patrols will not be operational
- all ASN and Home to School transport will not operate
- a BACs payment will be made for those children and young people who qualify for a free school meal under the income threshold

I know that this action will mean disruption to learning, and that our families will have to make alternative childcare arrangements on that day and it is regrettable that we have had to make this decision, however ensuring the health and safety of our children and young people must take priority.

While the formal notification from the EIS and the AHDS states the intention to strike that day, 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



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