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Falkirk Council
Children's Services

Dear Parent/Carer,

PENDING INDUSTRIAL ACTION – TUESDAY 26 to THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

Falkirk Council received notification from the GMB union relating to strike action across all of our educational settings and sectors on 3 consecutive days from Tuesday 26 to Thursday 28 September 2023. It involves a wide range of staff, in the roles below, across all sectors.

- Facilities management: janitorial, catering and cleaning staff
- Education Support: early years staff, support for learning assistants, school administration, pupil transport assistants

Given the anticipated level of support for this strike action it is likely to cause significant disruption to our normal service provision. We therefore cannot ensure that normal pupil supervision and support, continuity of learning, and delivery of meal provision will be in place on those days. Specialist transport for children and young people is also unable to be provided.

I am sorry that as a result, most of Falkirk's early learning and childcare centres and schools and **all** specialist additional support needs wings, specialist provision classes and secondary additional support centres (ASCs) will be closed to children and young people on:

- Tue 26th September
- Wed 27th September
- Thur 28th September

Currently it is anticipated that the following educational settings will remain open to children and young people:

Early Learning and Childcare Centres

- Camelon ELC
- Glendevon ELC
- Parkhill ELC

Primary Schools (Including Nursery classes)

- Bonnybridge PS
- Grange PS
- St Bernadette's PS

Secondary Schools

- Larbert HS (Partial)
- Graeme HS

Whilst it is currently anticipated that the above establishments will open, the situation is subject to change prior to and during the course of the industrial action period. We will continue to review our position right up until the dates of the strike action but at this stage it is unlikely that the position will change.

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I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your children where their school or early learning and childcare centre is closed over these days and hope that this advance notice is helpful.

Where schools are closed to pupils, staff will provide online learning and activities across the three days. Further information about arrangements for online learning will be provided by your child's school.

I hope you understand our position. Any further updates will be posted on the Council's [website](#).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Duff', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES