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Dear Families

Industrial Action Days 26/ 27 / 28 September – Pupil Tasks & Activities

As you are aware from recent correspondence, school will be closed on Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 September, owing to industrial action that involves janitorial staff, school support staff and facilities (kitchen and cleaning) staff.

The guidance around the working day for teaching staff makes clear that staff are expected to provide appropriate tasks / activities for pupils on these days. Guidance shared with teaching staff makes clear that this is an entirely different situation to the lockdown periods. The tasks outlined for staff to complete while working from home do not include direct daily contact with learners / classes / families in this time period or attempts to replicate the 'normal' school day.

In keeping with the guidance received from various sources, learning activities will be provided for children on the strike days in the following ways:

- Base 1 – P1/2 & Base 2 – P2/3 – A paper pack of materials arranged per day, to be returned to school in the polypockets provided, where possible, on Friday 29 September. Learning activities will include literacy, numeracy and topic based learning each day.
- P4 – P7, will also receive some paper material for completion per day (tasks for each day will be noted clearly), along with some tasks assigned on Google Classroom. These will be scheduled to appear on the Google Classroom day by day, not all at once for the three days. Children will be able to submit the tasks, but families should not expect that children will have these returned / commented or fed back upon in Google Classroom, until they return to school on Friday 29 September. Learning activities will include literacy, numeracy and topic based learning each day. Children should return paper based materials, where possible, on Friday 29 September.

We understand that families will not be at home in the same ways as they may have been during periods of lockdown, and that other family members are likely to have responsibility for childcare. We are fully understanding and supportive of the need for flexibility as to when children are able to complete the learning tasks provided for the strike days and wish to offer our families our reassurance around this, and this applies to both paper based and Google Classroom based learning activities.

With grateful thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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