



September 29th 2026

Dear Parents,

From the end of September, Teachers' and SNAs' unions are taking industrial action as part of a national pay dispute. This means some staff won't be doing certain tasks outside their normal hours, for example after school staff training and meetings. Core teaching and learning in school stay the same.

On Wed 14 Oct, schools nationwide are likely to close for the day as part of a planned strike. We will confirm exactly what this means for our school as soon as we have full details, and let you know well ahead of the 14th.

In our school these measures mean with regard to the INTO teaching staff, they will not to engage with any activities relating to Croke Park Agreement hours. Currently Croke Park activities or meetings are scheduled after school.

The FORSA work to rule directive means that SNAs will carry out their responsibilities in line with their contract but withdraw goodwill - not assisting with extra curricular activities, refuse to attend training, refuse to attend student planning meetings.

We will follow guidance as it's issued and keep you updated on anything that affects this school specifically.

We urge all families to contact their local representatives to ensure the Government engages with the Public Sector Unions to avoid school closures and the disruption they would cause.

Yours in friendship,

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Chairperson

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