Teachers

INTO members will take strike action on **Thursday 23rd March 2017, beginning at 12:30pm and ending at 8:00pm.** We understand strike action will cause difficulties for members, parents and pupils, however, the seriousness of current circumstances requires a clear stand.

In advance of the action on Thursday 23rd March 2017, Principals will seek to make informed decisions around health and safety issues and to communicate advice to parents. They may seek members’ support in this and members may, out of courtesy, choose to assist their Principals, however, no member can be compelled to confirm attendance or confirm union membership.

Members will be available for work as normal until 12:30pm on **23rd March 2017.**

INTO is organising a public protest at **Parliament Buildings, Stormont, commencing at 2:30pm.** This shall be a static protest and will last approximately one hour. **INTO has decided to strike on this day, and to publically protest at Stormont, as the talks in relation to the formation of the new Executive will be taking place at this time, and provide an opportunity to highlight the issues of teachers’ pay and the under-funding of education, putting these at the centre of ongoing negotiations in relation to the Executive Budget.**

Local Branch officers should be in contact with schools to organise transport for members to and from Stormont.

Principals

The operational decisions regarding the school rests with the Principal. All INTO members will be available for work, as per normal practice, until 12:30pm on **Thursday 23rd March 2017.**

If you are of the view that an appropriate level of supervision/assistance or support cannot be provided or that there may be health and safety issues you should inform parents/guardians at the earliest opportunity that the children, should be collected from school on that day.

The provision of home to school transport and school meals will be important considerations for many pupils, parents and schools. Decisions regarding these should be considered in light of the individual circumstances of both pupils and schools. Alternative arrangements regarding these provisions or times may be needed.

INTO would urge principals to make these arrangements as soon as possible.

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