Sample Letters to Parents Re: Friday’s Strike Action

SAMPLE LETTER 1

Dear Parent/Guardian

Due to strike action by public sector unions in opposition to the cuts in budgets and the consequences for jobs and services, INSERT NAME OF SCHOOL will be closed for children next Friday, 13 March.

All teaching staff, including myself, are members of the Irish National Teachers’ Organisation which is taking part in the strike. Education is under pressure from the cuts and the consequences of job losses for teachers, advisory staff and support staff could have a very significant impact on children’s progress should they continue.

We will ensure that your child’s education does not suffer due to the closure. I hope that this will not inconvenience you too much and I ask for your understanding of the stand that staff members are taking.

Yours sincerely

PRINCIPAL

SAMPLE LETTER 2

Dear Parent/Guardian

As you are aware from letters before Christmas, Education Budgets have been cut significantly for 2015/16 and beyond.

In response to this a number of unions involved in the education sector have balloted their members to request a mandate for strike action on Friday 13th March 2015.

Members of Unison, NIPSA and INTO have voted in favour of action on this day, and as a result the school will be closed to pupils on Friday 13th March 2015.

Yours sincerely

PRINCIPAL