

## Victoria Primary School & Nursery Unit

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Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

## SCHOOL CLOSED ON THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER TO ALL PUPILS

I am writing to inform you that the union UNISON has informed school that they have called a 1 day strike action for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November and NIPSA have called a 2-hour strike on the same date. UNISON and NIPSA members cover a wide range of school staff and, after conducting a risk assessment with my Chair of Governors, I have had to make the decision <u>to close school to all</u> <u>pupils on this day.</u>

Although this strike does not include teachers it does include other staff who have certain statutory responsibilities in school and, under the heading of Health and Safety, we would not be able to ensure that these statutory responsibilities are covered. This is the main reason why school will need to close to all pupils.

Teachers will provide a version of remote learning for all children. This will be in paper form and will be sent home on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 for children to complete, if possible, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Teachers will also be contactable via SeeSaw during the working day on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

If any bookings for Breakfast Club, Homework Club, Kids' Cave and/or School Dinners have been made, these will be refunded automatically to you.

Thanks,

Mr C. Fulton <u>Principal</u>