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Dear Parents and Carers,

Planned Strike Action affecting The Gordon Schools

Members of the UNISON (Scotland) Trade Union will be holding three days of strike action on **Tuesday** September 26, **Wednesday** September 27 and **Thursday** September 28. The strike action relates to a national dispute and is not directed against The Gordon Schools.

Members of the UNISON (Scotland) Union include, for example, janitors, cleaners, caterers, pupil support assistants and administrative staff. From the information provided to Aberdeenshire Council by the Union, we have made the decision that our school can remain **open** for our **S4, S5 and S6** pupils on those three days. We will be **closed** to our **S1, S2 and S3** pupils on those three days. Where possible and appropriate, colleagues will use Microsoft Teams to post learning activities to support those pupils in S1, S2 and S3.

Whilst we understand this decision may cause inconvenience and frustration, we have to consider the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and mitigate for any unknown circumstances over the three days.

School lets (groups and clubs that utilise school space) will be open and operate as usual, although there may be some isolated local disruption. Customers will be contacted directly if their let is affected.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support and understanding during this time.

If there are any changes to the forthcoming strike days, we will update you accordingly. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at The Gordon Schools.

Your sincerely,

Phil Gaiter
Rector