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Dear Parent / Guardian

Strike Action Friday 1 December

The Education Authority (EA) has formally notified schools that they are expecting there will be no Translink train or bus services – Ulsterbus, Goldliner, Metro or Glider, **operating on Friday 1st December**, due to Industrial Action by SIPTU, GMB and UNITE unions.

In addition, the EA has advised that non-teaching members of UNITE the Union are being called to take part in strike action on Friday 1st December also.

On Friday 1 December, the College will remain open with the examination timetable continuing as planned. SERC will continue as normal, with school-to-SERC transport not affected.

Parents are strongly advised to make alternative arrangements for their child if they connect with a Translink bus service for any portion of their journey to and/or from school. This includes children who connect to a Translink service via an EA yellow bus, private hire bus or ferry service. EA cannot guarantee pupils will be able to complete their journey and strongly advise they confirm alternative arrangements.

Translink will communicate relevant passenger information through the media, via their website <u>https://www.translink.co.uk/industrialaction</u> through social media, in stations, and on buses and trains. The Translink contact centre will also remain open 028 9066 6630.

EA will publish details of services that will not operate on the EA website, but some services may be disrupted at such short notice that advance notification is not possible. Updates will be posted at 5.00 pm each evening: www.eani.org.uk/industrialactionupdates

It therefore may be the case that your child is unable to attend school due to no transport being available. If this is the case, please notify the College via <u>absent329@c2ken.net</u>.

Pupils who are absent for exams for any reason will be given an opportunity from Monday 4 December to sit missed assessments.

Kind regards,

Miss V Thompson Acting Principal