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Dear Parents,

As you may already know, the primary teacher union, the INTO and the SNA union FÓRSA, recently voted to take industrial action as part of a national pay dispute.
This means that staff will not be doing certain tasks outside of the normal school hours of 9.30am to 3.10pm while these union directives are in place.

From today, Wednesday 30th September, SNAs will not be engaging in any Croke Park hours activities, extra-curricular activities or training. They will be working as per their contract as outlined in the Department of Education Circular 30/2014.

From Monday 5th October, teaching staff will not be engaging in any Croke Park activities or staff meetings and formal parent-teacher meetings outside of normal school hours.

On Wednesday 14th October, schools nationwide are due to be closed for the day as part of a planned national strike. We will confirm exactly what this means for our school as soon as we have full details.

As a result, from next Monday 5th October, there won't be any morning or evening supervision. The staggered entry and exit into school will not be in place. The school gate will not open until 9.30am. All students will be dismissed at 3.10pm.

The Board of Management wish to remind everyone that pupils should not be on school grounds before a staff member opens the gate at 9.30am or after 3.10pm, as they will be unsupervised.

Kind regards,

Michael Cleary
Manager
Ardcarne Parish Primary School

Cian Duffy
Principal
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