



## ***Ballyclare Secondary School***

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Re: Planned Industrial Action by Translink**

The Education Authority (EA) has been notified by Translink that their bus drivers who are members of the Unite and GMB trade unions have voted to take industrial action in relation to 2021 pay. Translink provide the bus services for our school.

This action will result in all Translink bus services being withdrawn from **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 inclusive.**

Translink bus services including Ulsterbus, Metro, Goldliner and Glider will be **non-operational** during the planned period of industrial action.

Pupils who use any Translink bus service for any element of their journey will be impacted and parents should make other transport arrangements for these dates. This includes pupils who connect with Translink buses using an EA yellow bus. As EA cannot guarantee pupils could complete their journey to and from school, even if the EA yellow bus is running parents should make alternative arrangements for the whole of their child's journey to and from school.

Parents should follow Translink's social media channels and website for further updates and start to plan now for their alternative transport arrangements. Translink train services will not be affected by the industrial action.

We also encourage parents to check the EA website for regular updates and details of any planned disruption at: [www.eani.org.uk/industrialactionupdates](http://www.eani.org.uk/industrialactionupdates) and also EA social media channels.

I am very concerned that this industrial action will once again impact pupils' learning, particularly for those year groups taking key examinations over the coming weeks. I am also aware that not every parent/carers will be able to arrange alternative transport. For any pupil who is impacted by the planned industrial action and unable to attend school we will provide remote learning materials for pupils to access on line. Learning resources will also be available on Google Classroom.

I would encourage, where possible, particularly for our pupils taking examinations over the coming weeks, that you endeavour to arrange alternative transport even if that means your

child arrives to school earlier or a little later than usual. I will ensure that staff are in school to supervise those who arrive before 8.30 am.

I will continue to keep all parents/carers updated in relation to this planned industrial action and I will communicate any further updates. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Bell  
Principal