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Dear Parent/Carer,

College closure to students 12th September 2023

Students are due to start their induction programme from week beginning Monday the 11th of September and we are excited to meet them and begin their learning journey, here, at Highlands College.

It is with regret that I am writing today to confirm that your child's education will be suffering from early disruption this term and that the college will be closed to students on the 12th of September. The College will be open and staffed by support staff, but no classes can be delivered, online or face-to-face.

You may have seen reports in the media that employees of the Government of Jersey are in dispute over their terms and conditions of employment. This dispute includes leaders in education who are members of NAHT Jersey – the school leaders' union, and the teachers and lecturers' unions, NEU and NASUWT. These organisations represent the vast majority of all teaching and lecturing staff in the island's education service.

Taking action of any kind, including strike action, is always a last resort and comes only after parties have worked hard to negotiate a settlement. This is a disappointing outcome for all concerned. There is a developing crisis in teacher and lecturer recruitment nationally and further education is experiencing the same challenges. Therefore, it is vital a solution is found to protect the education of young people.

Please contact the college via info@highlands.ac.uk and/or call our reception on 608608 should you require any further clarification.

Should the dispute end, I will contact you via social media as soon as possible, but please refer to the local media who may be informed before the schools and colleges.

Yours sincerely,

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