

11 December 2023

Dear Principal,

The Education Authority (EA) has been informed by Translink that they are expecting there will be no train or bus services – Ulsterbus, Goldliner, Metro or Glider, **operating on Friday 15 and Friday 22 December**, due to Industrial action.

Where possible, we are taking steps to mitigate the impact of the action. However, **we are expecting significant disruption to school transport on both dates.**

We will make every effort to keep parents, children and young people informed on the latest updates in coming days via the EA webpage www.eani.org.uk/industrialactionupdates.

We would be also very grateful if you can continue to communicate any specific disruption in relation to your school to parents/carers via your local channels.

Translink Disruption

Over 57,000 children and young people in receipt of bus passes will be impacted, as well as fare paying pupils. This will affect pupils who attend both primary and post-primary schools and Further Education Colleges.

Parents are therefore 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.

Translink will communicate relevant passenger information through the media, via their [website](#) through social media, in stations, and on buses and trains.

The Translink contact centre will also remain open 028 9066 6630.

We would advise parents/carers to consider potential alternative arrangements in advance and [check the EA website](#) regularly.

I hope you find this information helpful, and we will continue to keep you updated on the latest position.


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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M McDermott', written in a cursive style.

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