

10th September, 2021.

**The Secretary,
Board of Management and
School Principal in
each Community and Comprehensive School.**

Members of the Executive of ACCS.

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Re: Industrial action by grant-funded secretaries and caretakers (SSSF funded) who are members of the FÓRSA trade union.

School secretaries and caretakers in grant-funded (SSSF funded) posts who are members of the FÓRSA trade union have been directed by the union to take industrial action in the form of a one day strike (work stoppage) on Wednesday, 15th September 2021.

The Department has clarified that:

'in respect of the strike by such school secretaries and caretakers on Wednesday, 15th September 2021, all other staff employed in a school where the school secretary/caretaker is participating in the strike action are expected to attend for work as normal on the day (except where they are otherwise absent on an approved leave). This includes teachers, SNAs, secretaries employed on the 1978/79 scheme, secretaries employed in Department-approved posts in Community & Comprehensive schools, caretakers, cleaners and all other school staff.'

As these staff members are not comprehended by the industrial action, they should report for work as normal.

The industrial action will take the form of a rally at Government buildings and a picket at the Department of Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform. FÓRSA has confirmed that there will be no individual picketing of schools and that schools should operate as normal.

ACCS is available to advise and support member schools in responding to any issues that may arise as a result of this industrial action.

ACCS and the other management bodies will continue to work with the Department and FÓRSA union in seeking a resolution to the current issue.

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Le mór mheas,



John Irwin,
GENERAL SECRETARY.