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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may be aware, industrial action by Fórsa union members (school secretaries and caretakers nationwide) will begin on August 28th, 2025. This is an indefinite strike pending negotiations.

Our school stand in full solidarity with school secretaries and caretakers.

School secretaries and caretakers are key members of our school community. They work side by side with teachers and SNAs every day. Here at MQOI, Valerie and Damien are the backbone of our school – they keep everything running smoothly daily and are truly essential members of our staff team.

We fully support their campaign for fair pensions and the basic entitlements that are already afforded to other public servants. Their work deserves recognition, respect, and equality.

We acknowledge that this will be a challenging time for our school community, as secretarial and caretaker duties will not take place during the period of strike action.

What this means for parents

- Office phone will not be answered
- Office email will not be monitored
- Contacting teachers: Use the Aladdin App / note in Homework journal to schedule meeting if required
- Office Access: If you arrive late or collect early; you may need to wait until a staff member notices you outside.
- Letters from the office cannot be requested during the strike
- For Lunchbag queries please email them directly info@thelunchbag.ie

We ask for your understanding and support of our colleagues and the school as we navigate this together.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and solidarity.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Geraghty on behalf of MQOI Board of management