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Dear Parent or Carer

School Strike for Climate Change 15 March

You may have seen recent media coverage concerning the decision taken this week by the Education Committee to allow pupils to participate in the School Strike for Climate Change on 15 March. I thought it would be helpful to clarify the position.

Edinburgh schools will be open and operating normally on 15 March. We recognise that some pupils may wish to participate in the Climate Change protest and have agreed that any pupil who does not attend school on the morning of Friday 15 March to participate in the School Strike will be marked as an authorised absence - if their parent/carer has written in advance to confirm their absence, and to accept full responsibility for their safety.

If your child wishes to participate please write to your school in advance to confirm they have your permission to participate and that you will be responsible for your child during their absence.

If you have any questions please speak to your Head Teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,



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