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Hi [REDACTED]

Please find our response below.

An SQA spokesperson said: "We fully understand the concerns of learners, parents and carers around industrial action and its potential impact on learning and teaching. The dispute is a matter between teaching unions, COSLA and the Scottish Government, and our sincere hope is that it is resolved soon in the interests of learners. "As the Scottish Government has made clear, it is leading contingency planning and SQA is playing its part in that work.

"We have identified the schools affected by the targeted industrial action and we are working with the Scottish Government and the appropriate local authorities to understand the impact of the action on their schools and exploring what further steps can be taken to support learners."

Background information

Earlier this week, the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills Shirley-Anne Somerville, published this open letter to learners in regards to industrial action: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/industrial-action-in-schools-an-open-letter-to-learners/>

Thanks,

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hello, just as soon as possible would be great. It's for Sunday's paper



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Thanks [REDACTED] – we'll take a look and get back to you.
When do you need a reply by?

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Reason for Contact Hello, I'm writing a story about the targeted strikes and calls for the SQA to make allowances for children in effected areas who are going ot be missing up to six days of school in the run up to exams which pupils in other areas will now. They are clearly being put at an unfair disadvantage over their peers. I understand Michael Marra MSP has written to you concerning this . Hoping you can comment. Thanks, [REDACTED]

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