



Teachers' Union of Ireland Aontas Múinteoirí Éireann

TUI Strike – Tuesday, 4th February, 2020

Additional Frequently Asked Questions

On 4th February 2020, may I send and/or respond to any emails or other electronic communication relating to my work (teaching/lecturing/administrative etc.)?

No. Every aspect of the work of all members, irrespective of grade, is covered (and engaging in it is prohibited) by the strike on 4th February. Every aspect of your contract is suspended for the 24-hour period of the strike, including but not limited to accessing, sending, responding to and/or acting on emails, making and/or answering work-related phone calls or engaging in/with other forms of electronic communication or messaging related to your work.

May small numbers of members working in FET ETB centres which will be closed on 4th February 2020 be assigned to support a picket at a larger ETB centre or school?

No. Even where few in number, members should picket at their own FET-ETB centres.

Should pickets be placed at ETB schools and centres which are open for the admission of learners to courses/teaching/night classes which take place in the evening of 4th February 2020?

Yes, where any such course/s or teaching is undertaken by any TUI member. In addition, TUI has advised that Principals/Managers/Directors of Adult Education/Co-Ordinators may not open centres which host such classes/courses. It may be necessary for picket duty to be staggered throughout the day to ensure that there is a sufficient number of members available to place a picket at the time of arrival of learners to evening classes.

Should members 'sign in' their attendance at picket duty on 4th February?

Yes. This allows for a record of the participation of members in picketing duty. Members are not required to 'sign-out'.

I have more questions, who should I contact?

You should contact your Workplace Committee/Branch Officers/Area Representative in the first instance. The contact details for all Area Representative are available in the TUI Diary and Handbook. Alternatively, you can email payequalitystrike@tuimail.ie