



Wednesday, 16th November 2011

Teaching & Support Staff Union Strike Action Wednesday 30th November 2011

POSSIBLE SCHOOL CLOSURE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that you will have heard that many teaching unions and UNISON are proposing a day of strike action on Wednesday 30th November. The National Union of Teachers (NUT) and the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) balloted their members earlier in the year who voted to strike. The National Association of Head Teachers has also balloted with a positive response to take action. The National Union of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT) is currently balloting their membership. The teachers' unions will also be joined by UNISON members (many of our support staff belong to this union).

We part closed the school last time there was strike action due to a lack of staffing and, if the strike goes ahead this time indications are we will have even less staff available and so we will have to make the decision to close.

Please be aware, however, that negotiations between the unions and the Government continue and a new offer has recently been made. We will not know until much nearer the time if the strike action will go ahead.

I appreciate that this will be a great inconvenience to many of you but hope that this letter gives you the notice you require to tentatively arrange childcare should you need it.

Yours sincerely,

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