

July 2014

Dear Parent /Carer

## **NUT & UNISON Strike Action – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

As you may be aware, the National Union of Teachers and UNISON, who are following a programme of discontinuous action over changes to pensions and conditions of service, have called a day of strike action to take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

It is always the school's main priority to try and minimise the effect on families and on the education of our students in such circumstances while recognising the rights of union associations to take action.

The decision to close the school or send students home is never taken lightly, but in this instance, as staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, I will have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and well-being of all students.

We have, after discussions with the local authority and the Chair of Governors, risk assessed the effect of the numbers taking part in the action and the following has been agreed;

- **The school will open for new Year 7 (current Year 6) and Year 8 students (current Year 7) only on the above date.**
- **Students must bring a packed lunch as food or drinks will not be available to purchase. Cold food will be provided for those entitled to free school meals.**
- **The Awards Evening on this day will also take place.**

We are aware that school closures inconvenience parents and carers and so I am writing to give you advance notice of the likely impact of the action on this school.

The school will be open as normal again on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns.

Yours faithfully



**Mr T Eastaugh  
Principal**