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30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: Teachers' Industrial Action - 5th July 2016

Following a ballot of its membership, the National Union of Teachers has decided to take industrial action on the 5th of July 2016. This is a national dispute and a protest against the Government over issues to do with the funding of schools, academisation and the impact of these policies on terms and conditions for teachers. More information can be found on the association's website: [www.teachers.org.uk](http://www.teachers.org.uk)

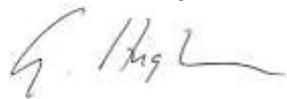
My aim is to minimize the disruption that this strike will cause to the education of your children while making sure that they are kept safe. I believe this can be achieved if I reduce the number of children on site on Tuesday and therefore I am closing the school to students in Year 9 who must stay at home on the day where they should complete some relevant work.

The school will be open as usual for students in Years 7, 8 and 10 and these students are expected to attend. Year 7 and 8 will benefit during the day from the already arranged science workshops, the company Chaos are visiting the school, which will still go ahead. Year 10 will spend much needed time in the morning completing their science GCSE controlled assessments using computer suites that will be available. The rest of the timetable will go ahead as normal, but students should be prepared for some last minute alterations, and it would be helpful if all students had their PE kit with them on the day, just in case.

A decision to take industrial action is clearly beyond my control, but I recognise that it will cause inconvenience to many families. Please accept my apologies for this and I hope you will understand that I have done what I can to minimise the impact upon you and your children.

Should circumstances change, I will be sure to let you know.

Yours sincerely



Gareth Hughes  
Headteacher

