



19th March 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Industrial Action – 26th March 2014

We have been informed by members of the NUT that they will be taking industrial action in the form of a strike on 26th March 2014. As a consequence of this the school will be closed on that day. This action is not against the school directly but forms part of the national industrial action which has been organised by the National Union of Teachers.

On such occasions neither a Governing Body, nor the Principal is legally permitted to close a school 'in sympathy' with strike action, and I assure you that this is not the basis for our decision to close. Our main concern is of course the safety of our students. It is my view that the potential number of staff who will not be available for work is too high to ensure the safety of students on site.

We must all hope that the issues over which the industrial action has arisen are resolved as soon as possible, and that any further disruption to the education of students may be avoided.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Phillips'.

Mark Phillips
Principal