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Dear Parent/Carer

We have been informed by the National Union of Teachers (NUT) that they will be taking industrial action in the form of a strike on Tuesday 05 July 2016.

This action is not against the academy itself but is part of national industrial action organised by this trade union to protect school funding and maintain teachers' pay and conditions.

There is no requirement on unions to inform us of which members of staff will take action, and it may be that they will not know themselves as there is no obligation on members of unions to obey a strike call.

Neither the governing body nor the Head is legally allowed to close the academy 'in sympathy' with the strike and we will not do so. However, our main concern is the safety of our students. The academy will only close if in the opinion of the Head it is not safe to remain open. At this stage our intention is to remain open but there will be some lessons that will be replaced by private study supervised by a senior member of staff.

Because we may not know until very late how many staff will be available to work, the decision to close may have to be taken at the last minute. If there is any change we will let you know as soon as possible via letter, our website, and our Twitter and Facebook pages.

We must all hope that the issues over which the industrial action has arisen are resolved as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



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