



Archbishop Blanch
SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

RE: INDUSTRIAL ACTION ON TUESDAY, 5 JULY 2016

You may be aware that the National Union of Teachers [NUT] has voted in favour of a day of strike action on **Tuesday, 5 July 2016**. This action is not against Archbishop Blanch School itself but is part of a national industrial action by this trade union.

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. However, on this occasion, we expect many lessons at Archbishop Blanch School to be affected due to the number of teachers who are members of the NUT.

Neither the Governing Body nor the Headteacher is legally allowed to close the school 'in sympathy' with the strike and we will not do so. However, our main concern is the safety of our pupils. We have carried out a risk assessment and believe **we have no option other than to close the school to pupils in Years 7 and 8 on the day of strike action**. We should be grateful if you would plan for this day, particularly if you have younger daughters requiring child care.

However, school **is open for Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 students**.

If the day of action is called off we will contact you by text. If you do not hear from us, please assume that the action is taking place.

SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN AS NORMAL FOR ALL STUDENTS ON WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2016.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause and please be assured that the decision to partially close the school has been taken after very careful consideration of all the relevant factors and particularly from a health and safety point of view.

Yours sincerely

Mr F McFarlane
Chair of Governors

Ms H Duggan
Headteacher

