



Dear Parent,

Industrial Action National Ballot – Tuesday 1st October 2013 – school closure

We have received confirmation that the *NASUWT and NUT* have asked their membership to take part in strike action in relation to a trade dispute over what they feel are adverse changes to pensions, workload, conditions of service, including pay and pay progression and job losses. As a result we have received notification that some teachers in our school will be taking part in strike action on 1st October 2013.

The rolling programme of national strike action is due to the union's view that there has been a failure of the government to engage in proper consultation on fundamental changes to teachers' terms and conditions of service. The strike action on 1st October 2013 will affect schools across the West Midlands region.

Having carefully reviewed the implications of the strike on our staffing levels, we have taken the decision to close the school on 1st October 2013. Parents are therefore asked to make alternative arrangements on this day and pupils should not report to school.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. The school will re-open as normal on Wednesday 2nd October 2013.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Gould

Head teacher