

24 June 2011

Dear Parents/Carers

Union Action: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, the NUT and ATL teachers' unions are taking industrial strike action in support of their campaign against the Government's proposed changes to teachers' pensions. At present, the other teachers' unions are still involved in negotiations with the Government and are not involved in Thursday's strike action.


Like many schools locally and nationally we have a number of staff who will be taking strike action on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and this will limit the number of students who will be able to attend school on that day. I list below the details of who should and who should not attend:

- Year 7 will be in school and will continue with their programme of lessons as part of our National Sports Week
- Years 8 and 9 **WILL NOT** attend school on Thursday – this will not be classed as an absence from school
- Year 10 are on Work Experience and should continue to attend their placement – please consult the letter from Ms Skuse given to Year 10 students already that gives advice on what to do if their Work Placement is affected by strike action being taken by non-teaching unions
- Post 16 students should attend their normal lessons – information will be given to Sixth Form students if any of their lessons at other Kingswood Partnership schools are affected by the strike action

I appreciate that the decision not to have Year 8 and 9 students in school may cause difficulties for parents/carers but we are not able to function to our normal capacity due to a reduction in the number of staff being present on site on Thursday. All other aspects of our National Sports Week for all year groups will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

All students have been issued with this letter today and a copy has been placed on our website. If there are any further developments in relation to Thursday's strike action or future disruption due to industrial action you will be informed by letter via your son/daughter and information on the school's website.

Yours sincerely



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