

20 March 2014

Dear Parents,

Industrial Action, Wednesday 26th March, 2014

As you may be aware, the National Union of Teachers is proposing to take strike action on 26th March. A significant number of members of staff here are members of the NUT, and having conducted a Risk Assessment relating to their likely absence I regret I have no choice but to **partially close the school to pupils** on the day of the action.

- St Margaret's will be open for all pupils/students in Years 11, 12 and 13.
- However, St Margaret's will be closed for all pupils in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

If your son or daughter is in Years 11, 12 or 13, I would be grateful if you could remind them that they will need to sign in when they arrive on Wednesday.

Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience this may cause – and please also be assured that any decision to close the school, even partially, is taken only after very careful consideration of all relevant factors. We place particular emphasis on our obligations to ensure your son or daughter is safe when they are in our care, but given these constraints, we will always endeavour to open the school for as many pupils as possible.

School will reopen fully to pupils as usual on Thursday 27th March.

If you would like any further information about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Brierley
Principal