

4 July 2014

Dear Parents,

Industrial Action, Thursday 10th July 2014

As you may be aware, the National Union of Teachers and some of the support staff Trades Unions are proposing to take strike action on 10th July. A significant number of members of staff here are members of the relevant Unions, 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 10 and 12.
- However, St Margaret's will be closed for all pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9.
- Years 11 and 13 are no longer required to attend school as they have finished their exams.

If your son is in Year 10 I would be grateful if you could remind them that they will need to come into school via the main entrance and sign in in the main foyer when they arrive on Thursday. Year 12 students should go to the Sixth Form as normal and sign in there.

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 Friday 11th July.

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

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Brierley
Headteacher