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Dear Parent,

Strike Action by Members of the National Union of Teachers – Tuesday 5 July 2016

As I'm sure you'll be aware, the National Union of Teachers is planning to take industrial action on Tuesday 5th July 2016 over the impact of funding cuts on teacher contracts, workload and children's education. This is a dispute between NUT members and the government, it is not a dispute with the school.

NUT members have voted to take discontinuous strike action. This means there will be a series of strike dates, with the first strike day on Tuesday 5 July 2016. The NUT has said that further strike days could follow in the autumn term if the Government fails to respond positively to its concerns.

The action, (a one day strike), will result in class or whole school closures across the country.

The decision to close the school and/or send pupils home is never taken lightly, but in this instance, where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, I will have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all pupils.

We know that class/school closures inconvenience parents and carers and so I am writing to give you advance notice of the likely impact of the action on this school.

The following arrangements will be in place for Tuesday 5th July:

- the school will be open as usual for all children **except Pears class**.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours faithfully,

Ashley Best-White
Executive Headteacher

