



COURT LANE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

We have been informed by the National Union of Teachers, the National Association of Schools & Union of Women Teachers and UNISON unions that they will be taking industrial action in the form of a strike on Wednesday 30th November 2011.

This action is not against the school itself but is part of a national industrial action organised by these trade unions about changes to the pension schemes of their members.

There is no requirement on unions to inform us of which members of staff will take action, but Court Lane Junior School staff have helpfully provided this information in good time.

Neither the governing body nor the head is legally allowed to close the school 'in sympathy' with the strike. Our main concern is the safety and well being of our pupils. We now know that the vast majority of teaching staff intend to support the planned strike action. It will not therefore be possible to offer normal lessons to any year group.

I am therefore writing to you at the earliest opportunity to advise you that Court Lane Junior School will be closed to all pupils on Wednesday 30th November 2011.

We are very reluctant to disrupt learning as you know and we all hope that the issues over which industrial action has arisen are resolved as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

H Faulkner
Headteacher

B Greenwood
Chair of Governors

