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Our Houses



Oak



Ash



Elm

MK/SAC

23rd June 2011

Dear Parent/Carer

Industrial action by teachers nationally on 30th June 2011

I have been informed that at least 35 members of staff at THS are planning to strike for 24 hours on 30th June 2011 as they are members of the NUT or ATL Teaching Unions. The vast majority of staff who are not members of these Unions are indicating that they will follow Union advice and not cover lessons for colleagues who are striking. This will mean that large numbers of classes will be significantly affected on the day of the strike. After carefully considering the options available to the school, the health and safety implications and the educational experience we would be able to offer as a result of this industrial action, I have consulted with the Local Authority and our Chair of Governors and I am able to confirm the following:

On Thursday, 30th June 2011, Tytherington High School will only be open to non-striking staff and students in Year 12. The school will be closed for all students in Years 7 – 10. Students in Year 12 will be told which of their lessons are unaffected by the strike and will be expected to attend these lessons. Arrangements will be made with students in Year 12 to enable them to remain on site throughout the day in order to study and have access to facilities such as the refectory. Year 12 students who travel to and from school on one of the school buses will still be able to use this service – pick ups and collection will be at the usual times.

We will still be able to run the Duke of Edinburgh expedition that was due to start on Thursday, 30th June and students who are part of this will be told when and where to meet by staff who are organising and supervising this event. This activity will be unaffected by the strike.

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We have had to reschedule the Year 9 Awards Evening that had been calendared for the evening of the 30th June. This will now take place on the 7th July and invitations will be sent out shortly to families of those students who have been nominated for an award.

The strike is in relation to the Government's proposed changes to teachers' pensions and will be a national strike across England on that day.

I assure you that the decision to make these changes has not been taken lightly. We looked very carefully at how we could work around the disruption caused by this industrial action in order to minimise the disruption to learning and to families. We have concluded, however, that due to the high percentage of our teaching staff who are members of the two Unions who have opted to strike following balloting their members, we are not in a position to remain open on the 30th June for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

I realise how difficult this will be for some of you and I am very sorry for the impact this will have on our children and families.

I would like to take this opportunity of reminding you that Friday, 1st July is an INSET day and the school will therefore be closed to students. The school will reopen as normal on Monday, 4th July.

Yours sincerely

M KELLY
Acting Headteacher

