

28 June 2016

Dear Parent,

I have been informed by the National Union of Teachers (NUT) that they will be taking industrial action in the form of a one day strike on Tuesday 5 July 2016.

This action is part of national industrial action organised by the National Union of Teachers and is not against The King's School itself.

There is no requirement for members of a union to inform me that they will be taking industrial action, and it may be that they will not know themselves as there is no obligation on members of unions to obey a strike call.

Neither the Governing Body nor the Head Master is legally allowed to close the school, 'in sympathy' with the strike and we will not do so. Our main concern is the safety of the boys. A risk assessment has been carried out and I believe it is safe for the school to remain open. However, it is likely that there will be some disruption to a number of lessons and there may have to be sessions of private study supervised by senior members of staff in either the Old School or main School Hall.

Because I will not know until very late how many staff will be available for work, the decision to close may have to be taken at the last minute. Every effort will be made to give notice by the day before; but in case the decision has to be made on the day itself, we are asking parents to nominate a place of safety, which may be your home, to which your son can go if we have to close.

Yours sincerely,

F. Hedley Head Master

Chair of Governors

P. Ross