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Dear Parents

Industrial Action by the NUT

As you may have seen in the news, the NUT has voted to take strike action on Tuesday 5 July as part of their ongoing dispute with the government.

The union say that this action is because they are unhappy about funding cuts to schools, worsening terms and conditions, and unmanageable and exhausting workloads. They want an increase in funding for schools and education, and to resume negotiations on teacher contracts to address workload issues. Their dispute is with the government; not with the school.

The NUT teachers are very aware of the impact strike action has on you as parents as well as the impact on themselves of losing a day's pay. The teachers here work incredibly hard and are totally dedicated to their job: any decision to "walk out" will not have been an easy one for them to make.

Due to this action, I regret to inform you that **the school will be closed on Tuesday 5 July.**

The reason for closing is that I will not have enough teachers to ensure the safety of pupils during the day. In addition, I am not allowed to use other teachers to cover classes where a teacher is taking action. I have taken this decision in consultation with the Trust's Director of Primary Education.

Apart from ALNS, we understand all Portsmouth secondary schools will be open so Year 6 transition should be happening as usual. Here, we still intend to let Year 2 children visit on that day as part of their transition to us.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher