Dear Parent/Carer

STRIKE ACTION : WEDNESDAY 26TH MARCH 2014

I am sure you are aware from the media that the National Union of Teachers has called a one day strike on Wednesday 26th March 2014 owing to their on-going dispute with the Government over pay, pensions and conditions. Although this dispute is not directly with the school, the possibility of staff not being available to teach means that the school will be unable to accept all year groups on that day and I am, therefore, writing to you to set out arrangements as they currently stand.

The school will be open for all students in Years 11, 12 and 13 and we anticipate that normal lessons will take place – any students from those three year groups who fail to be in school will receive an unauthorised absence mark unless the normal absence procedure has been followed and, if necessary, medical evidence provided.

Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are not expected to attend school on that day. If parents are unable to make alternative arrangements then we will provide supervision but will be unable to offer normal lessons. Students in this position should attend school in normal uniform and bring work and books which they can use to work silently in the Library.

I would ask you that you please complete the reply slip below if you wish your child to be supervised in this manner. This reply slip must be returned to the Holcombe Office by Monday 24th March in order that we can put in place suitable supervision arrangements. A maximum number of 30 places will be available.

I would like to apologise for any inconvenience this Strike action may cause but I am sure you will understand these events are beyond the control of the school.

If you have any questions regarding arrangements for 26th March, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Gardner
Principal

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NAME ........................................................................... FORM ..........................

I would like my son to come into school on Wednesday 26th March for supervised study. I understand that my son needs to be in school uniform and bring suitable materials to work on during the time he is in school.

Signature .............................................................................. Date ..............................