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Dear Parents,

As you may be aware from the media, colleagues in the NUT (National Union of Teachers) are taking industrial action in the form of a strike on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014. This action is not against NTS but is in relation to a dispute over teachers' pay and working conditions and proposed changes to the Teachers' Pension Scheme.

As is usually the case in this situation, I have carried out a detailed analysis using the information I have available to establish whether it would be feasible to have the school partially open.

I have decided that **NTS will be closed to Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Pupils in Years 10 and 11, and Sixth Formers, should attend school as normal.**

Please accept my apologies for the inconvenience that this will cause you.

If the strike is called off, then the school will be open to all years as normal. We will put the most up-to-date information on our web-site.

NTS will be open as usual for all students on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Please note that the Dance Show will take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March, as scheduled, whether or not the strike goes ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mr DS Northwood  
Headmaster