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## GMB strike action proceeding – school closed

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Update on industrial action (Tuesday 23 June) – School is CLOSED

We are writing to provide a further update regarding industrial action planned by GMB members on Tuesday 23 June.

We fully recognise the disruption and uncertainty the current situation continues to cause for families, and we sincerely apologise for the inconvenience. We want to reassure you that we are continuing to work closely with trade unions and staff to resolve the issues as quickly and constructively as possible.

Despite ongoing discussions, **GMB have confirmed that strike action will take place on Tuesday 23 June. As a result, we have had to take the difficult decision to close the school on this day.**

As before, decisions to close the school are not taken lightly. However, the safety, consistency of provision, and wellbeing of pupils must remain our priority, and we cannot guarantee that the specialist provision required can be delivered during industrial action.

We understand how difficult this will be for families and are very grateful for your continued patience and support during this time.

We remain committed to resolving this situation and will keep you informed of any further developments.

**Yours sincerely,**

Helen Grindulis  
Chair of Governors (on behalf of the Governing Body)

James Horspool  
Interim Headteacher

Sally Giles  
Executive Director, Children and Education Services  
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