

Our ref AEB/dg

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Dear Parent / Carer

Industrial Action – Wednesday 26 March 2014

You may be aware that the NASUWT and the NUT, teacher trade unions, balloted their members for industrial action. Their dispute is in connection with the changes proposed to the teachers' pension schemes, workload, conditions of service including pay and pay progression and job loss.

The school has received notification that the NUT trade union, which represent teachers within the school, intend to take industrial action through a day's strike action on **Wednesday 26 March 2014**.

As the majority of teachers within the school are members of this trade union the school will be affected by this industrial action.

We have undertaken a risk assessment for the school and, regrettably, have no alternative but to close the school for all pupils on Wednesday 26 March 2014. The school will re-open to pupils on Thursday 27 March 2014.

I know you will appreciate that this decision has not been taken lightly. As a school we have always done everything possible to avoid closure, however, on this occasion, as we have more NUT members than any other school in Bury, it is simply impossible for us to keep the school open and ensure the safety and well-being of the children.

Should anything occur to change this situation, we will inform you immediately, however, I felt it was important to provide you with due notice in case you need to make child care arrangements on this day.

Yours sincerely

MRS A E BYRNE
Headteacher