Wednesday 23rd November 2011

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Industrial Action – Wednesday 30th November 2011**

You will have seen in the media coverage of potential industrial action across the country. We have now been informed by several trade unions that they will be taking industrial action in the form of a strike on Wednesday 30th November 2011.

This action is not against the school itself but is part of a national industrial action organised by these trade unions about changes to the pension schemes of their members. This action will affect other Lewisham schools and schools across the country.

However, our main concern at Sydenham must be the safety of our students and with 80% of our teaching staff involved in the strike we have taken the decision to close the school. The Governors and the Local Authority have been informed of this.

Should the action be called off at the last minute, a notice will be posted on the website and a text message will be sent, but please make alternative arrangements for your daughter in the meantime.

We must all hope that the issues over which the industrial action has arisen are resolved as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Carolyn Unsted
Headteacher