



The Hollins Technology College

A High Performing Specialist School

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Dear Parents



A number of trade unions representing both teaching and support staff have announced their intention to take industrial action in the form of a strike on Wednesday 30 November 2011.



This action is not against the school itself but is part of national industrial action organised by these trades unions about changes to the pension schemes of their members. It is likely to affect the vast majority of schools in the country, as well as other public sector organisations.



There is no requirement on unions to inform us of which members of staff will take action, and there is no obligation on members of unions to obey a strike call. However, we have been given a clear indication of how many staff intend to withdraw their labour on that day.



Neither the governing body nor the headteacher are legally allowed to close the school 'in sympathy' with the strike and we will not do so. However, our main concern is the safety of our students; having carefully considered the scenario for next week it has been decided that it will not be possible to open the school to students. All other secondary schools in Hyndburn will be closed to students on this day.



I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



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



Yours faithfully



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