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MANSHEAD SCHOOL

A Dunstable Ashton Foundation C of E Upper School

Voluntary Aided



A Specialist Science and Maths College

"In search of personal excellence"

Headteacher: Jim Parker

TO ALL PARENTS / CARERS

25 November 2011

Dear Parents / Carers

We have been informed by NUT, ATL, NAHT and the NASUWT who represent teachers, and the GMB and Unison who represent other school staff, that they will be taking industrial action in the form of a one day strike on Wednesday 30th 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.

Neither the governing body nor the Headteacher is 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. The number of staff who are taking industrial action on this day means that we cannot safely open the school. Therefore, I regret to inform you that we will be closed on Wednesday 30th November.

In situations such as these there are some occasions when industrial action is lifted at the last minute – if this is the case we shall inform you by text or email alert.

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

Yours sincerely

pp **Gill Short**
Chair of Governors

G:/admin/SUE/Head/Misc/Strike 2011/Letter to all Parents from Gill Short, Chair of Governors (25/11/11)
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