



NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY  
SAMWORTH ACADEMY

Monday, 07 July 2014

Dear Parents & Carers,

**National Day of Industrial Action –Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

It is always the school's main priority to try and minimise the effect on families and on the education of our pupils in such circumstances while recognising the rights of the teacher associations to take action.

The decision to partially close the school or send pupils home is never taken lightly, but in this instance, where teaching and support staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, I will have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and well-being of all pupils. I am also unable to direct non-striking colleagues to cover for those who opt to take action.

We have, after discussions with the Chair of Governors, risk assessed the effect of the numbers taking part in the action and feel that we have no other option but to partially close the secondary phase site on the day in question. We appreciate that this will be disruptive to you but assure you that we have given the matter full and careful consideration. To confirm, the school will be open for pupils in Year 7, 10 & 12.

In order to minimise the impact of this action I have asked non-striking staff to do the following:

- Set work for all classes they would normally teach.
- Students will also be able to access our on-line Maths package, 'MyMaths' and can attempt the appropriate level of Boosterpacks. Again students will have their own login details which their teachers will confirm with them.

Please be aware that I am unable to direct staff to do this, but have requested that they do so in the interests of good will.

The school will be open as normal from 11th July 2014. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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