



# Ryecroft C.E. (C) Middle School

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Dear Parent

## Industrial Action National Ballot Tuesday 5th July 2016 – partial closure

We have received confirmation that the NUT trade unions, has asked their membership to take part in strike action in relation to a national trade dispute with the government, not Staffordshire County Council or the school, in regard to School Funding.

As a result we have received notification that some teaching staff in our school will be taking part in strike action on 5th July 2016.

The dispute is discontinuous [i.e. a potential rolling programme] national industrial action and as such there may be more dates in future which we will inform you of in advance.

Having carefully reviewed the implications of this industrial action on our staffing levels, we have had to take the decision to partially close some parts of the school.

The following **classes/year groups will be affected** as shown below:

- For pupils in **6-2 and 6-3 English** – pupils are required to arrive at school in the morning at their normal time but will **finish at 11.35am**. Parents will need to make arrangements to collect their child at this time.
- For **all pupils in Year 5** – all lessons have been suspended and therefore **pupils should NOT report to school on 5th July 2016**

Parents of children in the affected groups are therefore asked to make alternative arrangements on this day.

**All other year groups/classes are unaffected** and pupils are expected to attend school as per usual.

The Transition Days arranged for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July will be still going ahead as planned. Ryecroft is providing transportation to Thomas Alleyne's High School for our Year 8 pupils and therefore normal morning and afternoon transportation to and from Ryecroft will still apply on these days.

The governing body apologises for any disruption caused by this strike and realises that the above may cause transport issues for parents. Usual arrangements regarding school transport will apply and school meals will be available as normal. Please be assured that the governing body is doing everything possible to maintain the continuity of educational provision for your children. All lessons will resume as per normal on 6th July 2016.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of  
**Mr J Bednall**  
Chair of Governors

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