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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Industrial Action - Wednesday 30 November 2011 Millthorpe School Closed to Students**

You will be aware from the press coverage that there is a strike planned nationally for Wednesday 30 November concerning changes being proposed to the Local Government Pension Scheme and Teachers' Pension Scheme. Ballots sanctioning strike action have been completed by Unison, Unite, GMB, NUT, ATL, NAS/UWT and NAHT.

Some of these unions have not yet committed to strike action on November 30, so at this stage I cannot inform you what will happen next Wednesday. However, most staff employed at Millthorpe are members of these unions so it is likely there will be disruption. It is possible that the school will be shut to some students, so I am writing to allow you time to arrange childcare should your child be affected.

As soon as I know the unions' intentions, I will write again to inform you what will happen. I also advise you to monitor our website as we will keep that up to date with any information.

Finally, our school production, High School Musical, opens on that night, 30 November, at 7:30pm. This will be unaffected by the strike action. Students and their teachers have been practising for several weeks and we still have tickets available for the 3 shows on Wednesday 30 November, Thursday 1 December and Friday 2 December. Tickets can be obtained from outside the staffroom at morning break time at a cost of £5 for adults, £3.50 for children and £15 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children). I hope to see you there.

Yours faithfully

T Burton  
Headteacher