



# St Saviour's & St Olave's School

## Church of England Secondary School & Sixth Form Centre for Girls

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been informed by the NUT, Unison and GMB that they will be taking industrial action in the form of a strike on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014**.

This action is not against the school itself but is part of national industrial action organised by these trades unions about changes to the pensions schemes and the pay and conditions of their members.

There is no requirement on unions to inform us of which members of staff will take action, and it may be that they will not know themselves as there is no obligation on members of unions to obey a strike call. However, a number of staff have indicated that they are likely to take part in this strike action.

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. Our main concern is the safety of our students. It is possible therefore that the school will need to be closed to some students.

We will let you know as soon as possible of any decision to partially close. Every effort will be made to give notice at the latest by **3pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014**. Notification will be given via text and on the school website.

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

Yours sincerely,

Catherine May  
Headteacher

Lady Harding  
Chair of Governors

