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Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware of the intention of the two largest teaching unions, the NUT and NAS/UWT, to take strike action on **Thursday 17th October 2013**.

The action is not against the school itself but is part of regional action protesting against changes to the teachers' pension scheme and the pay and conditions of their members.

There is no obligation on the unions to inform us of which members will take action until 48 hours before the strike and there is also no obligation on members of the union to obey the strike call.

However after consultation with our staff, Sackville is planning to remain open for all year groups on this day.

Some of your son/daughter's lessons may need to be covered and we are therefore asking that they bring in reading books and homework to complete as we cannot ask teachers who are taking industrial action to set work. Sixth form lessons are unlikely to be covered if their teacher is on strike.

I know you will appreciate the commitment shown to the students here by our staff whilst also understanding the right of teachers to protest in this way. We must all hope that the issues over which the industrial action has arisen are resolved as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher

