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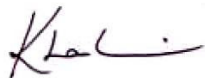
Dear parents and carers,

When I wrote to you recently I made you aware that there was a risk of closure of the school for one day on **Tuesday 1st October**. Regrettably, I have to inform you that two teachers' unions have scheduled for this strike action to go ahead across the West Midlands on that date. This action concerns issues relating to pay, working conditions and pensions at a national level.

It is now evident that we will not have sufficient teachers working that day to ensure the health and safety or continuing education of children. Therefore the academy will be closed to all students except for a one group of students in Set 1 for English in Year 11. A separate letter is being sent to those students.

I am very sorry for the inconvenience this will cause you at such short notice. I have only today been able to determine the scale of the disruption and the number of teachers that are committed to this action. Should a similar situation arise again in the future I hope and expect to give you more notice.

Regards,



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