

25 November 2011

To all parents in the Junior and Senior School

Dear parents

As you will be aware from media reports, union members of the ATL, NASUWT and NUT who teach in both the independent and maintained sectors have been balloted for industrial action in response to the Government's proposed changes to the Teachers' Pension Scheme. All three unions have confirmed plans for industrial action on Wednesday 30 November.

One of the proposals the Government is considering is the possibility of making teachers in the independent sector ineligible for the Teachers' Pension Scheme. This could have far-reaching implications for future recruitment into the teaching profession as a whole, as well as for the movement of teaching staff between the maintained and independent sectors. We recognise that some staff may choose to participate in industrial action.

We are, however, keen to ensure as much continuity as possible for all our pupils and I am writing today therefore, following further consultation with staff, to confirm that both the Senior and Junior school will remain fully open on 30 November.

We expect all scheduled activities to go ahead as usual, including the Year 7 Parents' Evening from 1800 in the Dining Hall and Theatre. Lockett's Coaches will be running their normal programme and we are not aware at this stage of any disruption to public transport.

If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact your daughter or son's form tutor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Dyer'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'J'.