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Dear Parent/Carer

Advance Notice of Possible Strike Action on Thursday 10 July 2014

You may be aware that following on from previous action taken by some unions, a number of unions remain in dispute with the government about their planned changes to teachers' pay and conditions. At the time of writing this letter, the NUT, UNISON and GMB have already voted in favour of strike action which is planned for the 10th July 2014.

This action is not against Outwood Academy Portland itself but is part of national industrial action organised by these trade unions.

Neither Outwood Grange Academies Trust Board nor the Chief Executive, Sir Michael Wilkins, is legally allowed to close the Academy 'in sympathy' with the strike action and we will only close if in the opinion of Sir Michael Wilkins it is not safe to remain open. If it does remain open, it is unlikely that lessons will be normal and there may have to be sessions of private study supervised by a senior member of staff. We will endeavour to protect the education of those on examination courses.

Because we may not know until very late how many staff will be available to work, the decision to close may have to be taken at short notice. However, every effort will be made to give notice, at the latest the day before; but in the case the decision has to be made on the day itself, we are asking parents/carers to ensure that we hold up-to-date emergency contact details. If your details have changed recently and you have not informed us of this please do so by handing in a note via your son/daughter at our Student Reception Desk or by using our dedicated email address for this purpose: enquiries@portland.outwood.com. **If the Academy's normal timetable is disrupted or we are forced to close to students, we will inform you of this via our text service 'Call Parents'.**

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

Yours faithfully

Dr P Smith
Principal