



### **Announcement: Partial Closure of School for Industrial Action**

Further to the information shared in the newsletter today, I can confirm that a number of school teachers who are members of the National Union of Teachers will be taking industrial action, in the form of a strike, on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July as a result of planned cuts to education budgets for all schools, workload, pay, and conditions of working.

This action is not against the school itself but is part of national industrial action organised by the National Union of Teachers. A number of Archer Academy staff are NUT members and as result I have made the decision to implement some partial closure to the school to ensure quality education delivery and safe supervision of every child.

A decision to partially close the school is never taken lightly, but in view of the numbers involved in the industrial action and after discussion with the Chair of Governors, ***I have decided to partially close the school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016.***

Plans for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July are as follows:

- Year 7 will follow their timetable on Tuesday morning, arriving at 8.30am as usual, but finish school at 1.15pm, after lunch.
- Year 8 should arrive at school at school at 11.15am and will follow their timetable as usual for sessions 3, 4, and 5.
- Year 9 should arrive at school at 11.15am and will follow their timetable as usual for sessions 3, 4, and 5.

Enrichment is suspended on Tuesday afternoon. School will finish at 3.15pm for Year 8 and Year 9.

We would encourage students to spend the time at home wisely, completing independent study and homework tasks on Show My Homework. Should you have cause to contact the school during the day there will be both teaching and support staff at work throughout the day.

We will competing in the Barnet Athletics Championships as planned.

Year 6 Induction Evening will take place at 5pm and 6.30pm as scheduled.

I am sorry for the inconvenience this may cause to you and your family but I must ensure that when children attend the school their well-being and safety is assured.

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

***The school will open normally on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July.***

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