

MCi/jbr

22nd November 2011

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware from the media, the combined teacher and school leadership trade unions are proposing to take industrial action on the 30th November 2011.

The action (a one day strike) if it goes ahead will result in class or whole school closures.

You will be aware that during the last industrial action on 30th June 2011 Pent Valley remained open with a fully operational timetable. Unfortunately though on this new proposed day of action due to the numbers of trade unions involved it may not be possible to remain open. The decision to close the school or send pupils home is never taken lightly, but in this instance, where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, I may have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and well being of all pupils.

We are aware that class/school closures inconvenience parents and carers and so I am writing to give you advance notice of the likely impact of the action on this school. Please rest assured that we will do all we can to remain open for as many students and year groups as possible.

If the action goes ahead, the following arrangements will be in place:

- Letter home to explain the arrangements
- Message on front page of our website
- Details on Local radio stations

Further to this I also wanted to clarify an error in my last Headteacher letter. In this letter two different times were given for the Implant Clinic Information Evening on 28th November 2011, I apologise for this and can confirm that this will take place at 5.30 pm in the Bistro, access is via PVLC entrance in Tile Kiln Lane. I have also taken the opportunity to include confirmation of other important dates overleaf:

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Important dates:

24th & 25th November 2011
28th November - 2nd December 2011
28th November 2011 5.30 pm (Bistro)
16th December 2011
4th January 2012
16th January 2012
9th February 2012

Staff Training Days
Mock Examinations
Implant Clinic Information Evening
Last day of Term 3
First day of Term 4
Year 11 Parents Evening
Dyson Parents Evening

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Citro'.

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