



18 November 2016

Dear Parent

Teaching Assistants Industrial Action

The school has received notification from Unison and ATL that their members have voted in favour of strike action on 2 consecutive days, the 23rd and 24th of November 2016.

From the outset the school and the council have been clear that no one wants to be in this position. The school and the council greatly values its teaching assistants however the council is clear that it has no alternative, as the residual employer of all teaching assistants, but to address the current inequality with teaching assistant contracts and pay only for hours worked and on a term time only basis. This is in line with almost all councils in the region and nationally.

The education and wellbeing of our children remains our primary concern and we have done everything possible to minimise the impact on the education of children and young people here in our school.

However it has been necessary to conduct a risk assessment based on the number of staff expected to be available on the days in question.

I am pleased to inform you Crook Primary School and our nursery unit will be unaffected and will open as usual. However, the school library will not be open before or after school. Also we will not be able to administer any medicines on these days. If a child requires medicine, parents will need to come to school to administer it.

Yours sincerely

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