



21<sup>st</sup> November 2011

**Union Strike Action  
30<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

Dear Parents/Carers

As you may well be aware, Public Sector Unions across the country are planning a series of strike actions in relation to proposed pension reform.

Several main teaching unions have been balloted as well as support staff unions. All unions to date that have declared the result of their ballot have voted for strike action. I will not be notified formally of staff intentions to strike or otherwise until very close to the date, however given the range of unions balloting there is a strong possibility the Academy will be closed on the **30<sup>th</sup> November 2011**.

I am writing to you now so you may make appropriate arrangements for childcare in the event of a closure. As soon as I am in a position to make a decision I will inform you by letter/text and publish information on our website: [www.hopeacademy.org.uk](http://www.hopeacademy.org.uk). However it is in the nature of these actions that we will not be formally notified of individual staff intentions until just before the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours faithfully

Mr John K Gannon  
Principal  
Hope Academy