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Dear Parent

The National Union of Teachers has called an official one day strike for Thursday 24th April. The strike follows a ballot of the NUT membership and is a response to this year's pay settlement.

Strike action will be varied across the country and schools will respond in different ways depending on the number of teachers in the NUT and striking. The school NUT group have given me the list of their members on strike and it will be impossible to run the school in the normal manner.

The school will be open for Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students who wish to use our study facilities and computer rooms.

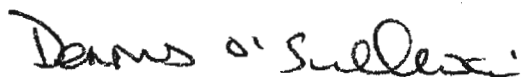
We expect a number of students will want to take advantage of this opportunity to complete coursework tasks using our specialist facilities. Year 10-13 students may "drop in" for particular periods or attend the full day.

We will not be phoning home for those students in Years 10-13 who have decided to study at home. We will confirm attendance if you ask us to do so. The canteen will open as normal. Year 10-13 students do not need to wear uniform on Thursday.

The school will be closed all day on Thursday 24th April for Years 7, 8 and 9.

I am sorry that we are sending students home and I know that the teachers striking have considered the inconvenience their action may cause. This is the first strike action in the last 10 years at Chauncy.

Yours faithfully



**Dennis O'Sullivan
Headteacher**