

South Newcastle Federation

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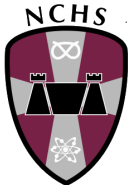
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Date: 25th November 2011

Dear Parent

Re: South Newcastle Federation – Clayton Hall Business and Language College and NCHS – The Science College

We have been informed by the NUT, ATL, NASUWT and UNISON that they will be taking industrial action in the form of a strike on Wednesday 30th November 2011. Our main concern is the safety of our students. Due to the number of staff involved, we have reluctantly taken the decision to close both Clayton Hall and NCHS.

This action is not against the schools itself but is part of national industrial action organised by Trades Unions about changes to the pension schemes of their members. There is no requirement on unions to inform us of which members of staff will take action, and it may be that they will not know themselves as there is no obligation on members of unions to obey a strike call.

Neither the governing body nor the headteachers are legally allowed to close the school 'in sympathy' with the strike and we will not do so. However, we have received some indication that the numbers of staff intending to support that action is significant enough to affect the potential safety of our students.

Consequently we regret to advise that both schools will be closed to pupils on Wednesday 30th November and will reopen on Thursday 1st December.

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

Yours sincerely

Alan W Porter
Chair of Governors

