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**Joseph Clarke School
For the Visually Impaired**

25th November 2011

Dear parents/carers

Strike action Wednesday 30th November 2011

As you may be aware both teaching and school support staff trade unions have balloted to take strike action on 30th November 2011. This is a strike throughout England and Wales as part of their dispute with the government around proposals for pension reform. The head teacher and governing body at the school have carefully assessed the likely impact of this strike action on Joseph Clarke School. We have also taken into consideration any possible disruption to families as a result of local authority transport not being available. Unfortunately, following this careful assessment and based upon the number of staff likely to be absent from work we have determined that we have no option but to close the school to pupils on this day. Parents/carers will therefore have to make alternative childcare provision for the 30th November. The school will be open again, as normal, on Thursday 1st December.

Whilst this significant inconvenience is outside the control of the governing body I would nonetheless like to apologise for this.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D. Dollemore

Chair of Governing Body

