

Principal: Richard Newton Chance

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011

## Dear Parent / Carer

Further to my e-mail and web site message on Friday, I am now writing to confirm that, due to industrial action by many public sector and teaching unions, I am going to have to take the decision to close the school, to students, on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Whilst this is not a decision that is taken lightly, you will be aware of the national support for the industrial action from various news reports.

In our own school there are 102 teachers and 50 support staff, who belong to unions, who have informed us that they intend to take industrial action. Therefore it is impossible to guarantee the health and safety of students.

Please encourage your children to use the time on November 30<sup>th</sup> wisely.

If they are in exam years, please encourage them to undertake some revision or additional research or reading to support their learning. Full access to resources is available to them on the college web site (<a href="www.queenelizabeths.devon.sch.uk">www.queenelizabeths.devon.sch.uk</a>), via the VLE.

Hopefully, by advising you of the decision at this stage, you will be able to put in place any childcare arrangements that are necessary.

The school will be open again as normal on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Principal















