

Campaign newsletter

NEU Derbyshire Branch



Joint unions submit claim for 5% • government "offer" 2%

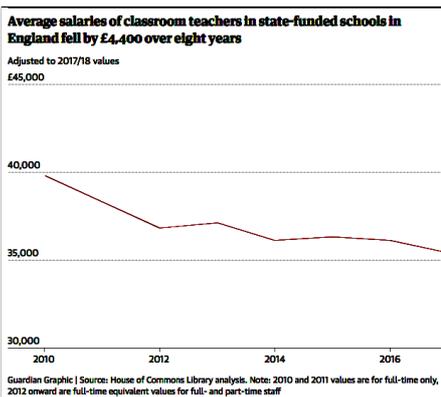
Government admits to £4,000 fall in teacher pay

Despite acknowledging that the value of teachers pay has fallen by £4,000 since 2010, the government has called on the School Teacher Review Body (STRB) to limit any pay increase for 2019 to just 2%.

The STRB makes recommendations to the government after hearing evidence from various parties and looking at what is happening in teacher recruitment and retention and how that compares with other graduate professions.

For several years the STRB has been warning that "significant increases" in pay are needed to address serious problems in teacher recruitment – with recruitment targets being missed for six successive years.

Such were the concerns of the STRB that for 2018 they recommended a 3.5% increase for all teachers – which the government refused to implement, the first time in twenty seven years that the government of the day has refused to implement the STRB recommendation.



Joint Union submission

In contrast to the government's ostrich approach, the NEU, together with headteacher unions NAHT and ASCL, have submitted evidence to support a claim for a fully funded increase of 5% for all teachers.

This is the minimum that would be required to redress the problems that have developed since 2010.

The government will be reporting on its Comprehensive Spending Review in the next couple of months and it vital that urgent steps are taken to address the funding crisis affecting our schools, and that includes funding a pay award that stems the flood of teachers leaving the job.

The NEU will be putting maximum pressure on the government and watching what happens very closely.

NEU INDICATIVE BALLOT RESULT

The NEU indicative ballot on funding and pay closed on 19th January. Thousands of members took part and showed strong support for the Union's campaign:

- **99%** said school cuts are having a negative impact in their school
- **97%** said the government should fully fund and implement the 2018 pay award
- **100%** said the Union should continue to campaign on school funding, working with parents etc.
- **82%** said they would be prepared to take strike action as part of the campaign.

In total 31.4% of members took part in the ballot – new government rules require unions to reach 50% turnout in any strike ballot.

Our campaigning will continue and we will be working to ensure that we can meet this target in a future ballot.

Funding petition forces Parliamentary debate

A petition on school funding, which was started by headteachers in Gateshead, has forced to government to accept a debate in Parliament. This will take place on Monday March 4th.

Petition

Increase funding for schools

Schools are having to make difficult choices on how to spend their limited funding as their income has not kept pace with the rise in costs since 2010. All schools are working very hard to "make ends meet" but this is becoming increasingly difficult and verging on almost impossible.

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