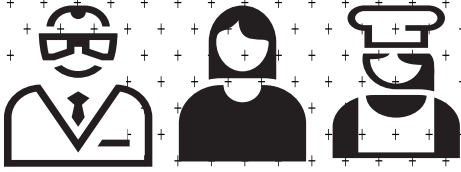




DECEMBER 2018

# SCHOOLS



Dear GMB Member

## Launch of School Funding Cuts Campaign Consultative Survey (England)

GMB, the union for school support staff, is stepping up our campaign to challenge the Government's chronic underfunding and cuts to schools.

GMB members tell us that the workload keeps increasing yet the funding keeps going down. This vicious cycle of school funding cuts has to STOP!

The facts are as follows:

- 1. 11,000 support staff jobs were lost in England between 2016 and 2017**
- 2. £2.8 billion has been cut from school budgets since 2015**
- 3. More than half of support staff have spent their own money on essential items for pupils**
- 4. 37% of heads say they have cut support staff jobs or hours worked due to the funding crisis.**

The above facts are set to get worse if we don't step up our campaign. That's why in the New Year your union will step up our working alongside sister unions as there are significant merits in working together with all unions to stop the cuts.

You may already know NEU, NAHT & ASCL are already balloting their members.

Cuts to funding affect all school staff across all schools in England. Cuts have impacts on jobs, pay, terms and conditions and on the delivery of Education.

That's why in the New Year we will be inviting you to join the GMB's campaign to stop the cuts.

The campaign will include a GMB consultative survey which will be launched in the New Year. GMB members will be asked a series of questions including whether members want the GMB to trigger an industrial action campaign which could lead to a full ballot of our members, similar to the other trade unions, in order to defend education.

Full details will be issued shortly setting out how you can support the campaign and how you and your colleagues can get involved.

Strength is in our numbers so you will need to ask colleagues not in a union to sign up to GMB and support the campaign.

This newsletter is a heads up so you know your union is working with you to defend education, your pay, your terms and conditions, your employment and your ability to deliver a first-class education service to the children and students.

We want to hear from you as to how we shape the campaign in the New Year. Please email: [schools@gmb.org.uk](mailto:schools@gmb.org.uk). Doing nothing is not an option. We hope you and your colleagues will support this campaign.

Further details are to follow, but for now please follow the link <https://youtu.be/T7xGUTUbi1Q> and watch a message from GMB President Barbara Plant, someone who knows all about the cuts in education as a member of the school support staff army.

Best Wishes


GMB Schools Team

**JOIN ONLINE: [WWW.GMB.ORG.UK/JOIN](http://WWW.GMB.ORG.UK/JOIN)**

# Join now for protection, support and advice.

Hand this form to your local GMB representative, or post it by simply writing 'Freepost GMB' on an envelope. You don't need a stamp or any other address details. Questions? Email us at [info@gmb.org.uk](mailto:info@gmb.org.uk) or visit our website: [www.gmb.org.uk](http://www.gmb.org.uk) where you can also join instantly.

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## THE IMPORTANT BITS. Please authorise the Direct Debit.



### Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Direct Debit



Please fill in the form and send back to 'FREEPOST GMB'

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**Instruction to your Bank or Building Society.** Please pay GMB Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with GMB & if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

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Banks/Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions for some types of account.

## PAYMENT DATE. Please select a payment date.

This is not part of the instruction to your bank or building society.

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\* or next working day

## STAYING IN TOUCH. We want to make it as easy as possible to talk to each other.

GMB contacts members by email, phone and SMS about issues related to membership, membership services and campaigns.

Tick if you DO NOT wish to be contacted by:  Email  Phone  SMS

GMB has a political fund to pay for political campaigning, which you can opt-in to for 1p a week. In the past, the fund has helped win rights such as the minimum wage and maternity leave. There will be no detriment to you if you do not opt-in.

Do you want to opt-in to the political fund?  YES  NO

## AND JOIN. I agree to abide by GMB rules.

Signed  [ ]

Date [ ][ ][ ][ ][ ]

## Welcome to the GMB Union family!

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You can change your contact preferences at any time by logging into your MyGMB area at [www.gmb.org.uk/mygmb](http://www.gmb.org.uk/mygmb)

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