

UNISON School Staff Ballot

VOTE

YES NO



“School Staff to be balloted on the cuts to School funding.”

“School support staff in England will be asked whether they are prepared to take industrial action over the way central government cuts are affecting their jobs and employment.

*UNISON will hold an **on-line indicative ballot in January**, asking school workers across England about the issue. Education is a devolved issue in Cymru/Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland.*

“The ballot gives us an opportunity to get into schools and raise funding concerns with members,” says national secretary Jon Richards.

“The employment issues they face are linked to cuts in funding and that is why we are conducting the ballot.”

In the run-up to the January ballot, UNISON branches are being asked to encourage as many members as possible to add email records to their membership records.

As the ballot could lead to a formal industrial action vote, depending on the result, Mr Richards stressed: **“It is important that we get as high a turnout as possible.”**

Fellow education unions **ASCL, NAHT and the NEU** are currently running similar ballots.

<https://www.unison.org.uk/news/2018/12/school-cuts-ballot/>

John Burgess, Branch Secretary, Barnet UNISON : I welcome this news. It is a step in the right direction to see **almost** all trade unions representing school staff working together to coordinate a real opposition to the **year on year cuts** to school budgets which are having a detrimental impact on both staff and children. It is important the Government gets the message from all staff working in schools that: “Enough is enough, no more cuts, schools need proper funding”. Barnet UNISON needs **all** of its **members** working in Barnet **schools** to take part in this ballot.

3 things for Barnet UNISON school staff members can do:

1. Please make sure you have passed on your correct email address to the Barnet UNISON branch by emailing contactus@barnetunison.org.uk

2. Speak to your fellow workers and check they are in a trade union. If they are not in a union they won't be able to vote and that will mean one less message going to the Government. If they are not in a union ask them to join Barnet UNISON. They can sign up on line by googling “Join UNISON” <https://join.unison.org.uk/>

3. Contact Barnet UNISON in order to request flyers/information about the ballot to circulate amongst your colleagues by phone on 0208 359 2088 or email contactus@barnetunison.org.uk

