

Durham Local Government UNISON Bulletin

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Schools Edition Update for TAs

Today, following your recent successful strike action and discussions with UNISON, Durham Council have confirmed that they are no-longer planning to sack and re engage you in January with a massive pay cut.

The council have finally seen sense and agreed to postpone these unfair and damaging plans, and enter into meaningful and detailed negotiations with UNISON to resolve this dispute.

Whilst there is still much work to do in the weeks ahead to ensure you're paid what you deserve, this is an important victory for the hard work, dedication and organisation of Durham Teaching Assistants.

As negotiations get underway, we will ensure that TAs will be fully involved throughout every step of the negotiation process, and you will receive regular updates on the negotiations as they progress. We're also clear that no deals will be signed without your consent, and if there is any hint of backsliding from the council we will have no hesitation in taking further strike action to secure the pay you deserve.

By working together we have got the council back to the negotiating table – by sticking together we can resolve this dispute and ensure that Durham Council understand just how valuable you are to the schools and communities you support.

Yours

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