

Durham Local Government UNISON Bulletin

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Schools Edition Update for TA's

USE YOUR VOTE. HAVE YOUR SAY

By now you should have received your ballot paper – and there are less than two weeks to get it back to us and have your say.

We understand that the offer on the table from Durham County Council affects different TAs in different ways. We also know that the decision you're being asked to take is significant and emotionally charged, but that makes it even more critical that the facts of what's on offer are separated from rhetoric and misinformation.

UNISON's position is clear – this offer is a significant improvement on what has been offered by the Council previously.

In recent days we've been out in schools across Durham meeting UNISON members and talking through the offer and your options in detail. We will continue to do this – visiting every school – before the close of the ballot. If you have questions about how the revised offer affects you, there will be an opportunity for you to discuss it with your union.

That decision is yours and yours alone – it's not one that we will take on your behalf, nor is it one that you should allow others to take for you. That's why we're conducting a full, confidential and democratic ballot of UNISON TAs members to determine how we should proceed on your behalf. Our only interest is in achieving an acceptable outcome for our members, and that's why we're putting this offer to you, after months of intensive negotiations.

We hope you will give it the thorough consideration it deserves – and use your vote.



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