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Schools Edition Update for TAs

Dear UNISON teaching assistant

There has been renewed publicity over the weekend after Durham County Council published papers in advance of the next full Council meeting, due to take place this Wednesday.

The published papers referenced additional areas that have been under discussion during recent negotiations in an attempt to settle the ongoing dispute and move towards a final offer.

We understand that the news that there have been some developments has caused some anxiety, but it is important to remember that nothing has been agreed as yet; the Council must first agree the proposed revised offer and then UNISON will be in a position to put this to you formally.

UNISON has been meeting regularly with our teaching assistant representatives during the negotiations, and will shortly be visiting all schools again to discuss the offer in more detail.

It is crucial you attend your school meeting so you can better understand what's being offered, and hear first-hand the details of the offer.

In these situations it is easy for issues to be misinterpreted, so please use this opportunity to ask questions to ensure you are clear on all the proposals.

School visits will take place between 21 September and 6 October.



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