DAVE PRENTIS UNISON GENERAL SECRETARY

As General Secretary of UNISON I know the incredible important job that school support staff do without you schools could not run smoothly without you schools would not be able to help every child reach their potential

JACKIE DEAN

One of biggest issues that are facing my members in school at the moment is they being asked to take whole classes or tutor groups on their own without feeling that they are confident or competent to do so

CAROL BALL UNISON SCOTLAND

The main issue I am dealing with just now is budget cuts as a result of that they have cut the hours for clerical staff and the hours for pupil support assistance

MATTHEW DOBBS

The main issue now is redundancy, which is due to the budget cut which is being put in place by the government

SLYVIA HOCKNEY UNISON SCOTLAND

The main issue that staff is bringing to me in the ASL sector is the violent Instances that are happening in the classrooms and in the playground and in the corridors and the massive under reporting of it

JON RICHARDS HEAD OF EDUCATION

The first thing the English government did when it came to power was to cut all national funding for training and development and we think that sends out a bad signal to support staff

KIM RUSSELL UNISON WALES

The main issue we are facing is schools at the moment is the administration of medication. Local authorities seem to have the catch all phrase that people can administer medication and people are being expected to give injections to children and it is not right

SHARON UNDERLAND UNISON WALES

The main issue that we are seeing at the moment is the target on terms and conditions which mean that staff are loosing a lot of money as a result

HAZEL ALISTAIR UNISON EAST MIDLANDS

UNISON can help by going to meet with members listening to the issues and discussing where the members feel things could be made better, going then to the management, discussing finding their weaknesses and then building on that together

Do negations through talking to the members through trying to work with management to minimize the impact to the members. That is how we are supporting them

UNISON is showing us great support by coming and holding regular meetings negioting with our Head teacher then fed back to us what is happening

UNISON can help with gathering information from each school getting together with management to form a policy and procedure that everyone can follow and carry out

Members need to know that we doing UNISON support them and give them advice information t and guidance that they need to go through these difficult times

LIAM HUGHES UNISON YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE

UNISON can help in our school at the moment with having regular contact with the school and having lots of communication with the branch to stop the phase of maybe moving to an academy.

SHARON STRAWSON UNISON EAST MIDLANDS

To get the union known within the school I can leaflet drop throughout every department support staff in the school they have pigeon holes I go to the kitchen and put leaflet up in the kitchen so kitchen staff because they don’t get out to the rest of the school they are in their own little area the cleaners have an area and I make sure there is a leaflet up there is always my number for my contact the caretakers office I do a newsletter once a year so they everything that is happening with UNISON so they are all aware

KEVIN BRENNAN SCHOOL SHAW MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

School support staff are something that Labour has very strongly supported but they need also to have the right sort of support in schools and in training because if we are having support staff in our schools teaching our young people they are part of the future of this country and having people properly trained with the support they should have in the work place is vitally important.

JON RICHARDS UNISON HEAD OF EDUCATION

UNISON is here to provide support and advice and guidance we are essential cover and are collective strength means that we will be able to help people so that individuals are not left on their own.

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