

**IMMEDIATE**  
**17 May 2005**

**HEADTEACHER DISMISSES LINDA WALKER**

Commenting on the outcome of the disciplinary hearing held on 16 May, involving Linda Walker, the teacher jailed for firing an air pistol, **Chris Keates**, General Secretary of NASUWT, the largest union representing teachers and headteachers throughout the UK, said:

"It is highly regrettable that Mrs Walker's headteacher has determined that she should be dismissed. This decision adds to the deep trauma and distress that she has already suffered.

"With the support of NASUWT she intends to appeal.

"In the interests of ensuring that the appeal process is not prejudiced neither Mrs Walker nor NASUWT will be making any further comment on the case at this time."

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