

Joint Submission on promoted posts is recipe for turmoil

Commenting on the Government and five teacher unions' joint submission to the review body, Steve Sinnott, NUT General Secretary said:

"The joint scheme to throw out the existing scheme for promoted posts will create turmoil and uncertainty in our schools.

"The aim of the joint partners is to achieve the change at no extra cost or even at less cost.

"Under the proposed scheme it is £2,250. If the scheme is to be introduced at no extra cost then it can only be done by reducing career prospects.

"In the lead up to the scheme's introduction teachers will be anxious and uncertain as they have to apply to take on roles they are already filling.

"Currently the least expensive additional allowance is £1,750.

"Where they are not successful, their current allowance payments will be safeguarded at existing cash levels for three years. Then they will be wiped out. For the 55 year-old planning to retire at 60 this will have a significant impact on their pension which is based on final salary.

"What our schools need is stability not the turmoil this plan will create."

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