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**Government announcement of next steps on teachers' pay**

Commenting on the Government's announcement of the next steps on teachers' pay, Doug McAvoy, NUT General Secretary, said:

"Today's announcement by the Education Secretary confirms the lowering of the maximum salary level available to all teachers. That maximum salary has been reduced by more than £2,000 as a result of the collaboration between the Government and the other teacher unions. The NUT continues to oppose the principle that progress beyond this new maximum should be rationed.

"The Education Secretary has every right to express gratitude to those unions since they have helped reduce the Government's pay bill for teachers.

"The NUT, alone if necessary, will continue to press for higher salaries for all teachers."

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