

**IMMEDIATE**  
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**NASUWT RESPONSE TO SCHOOL TEACHERS' REVIEW**  
**BODY REMIT LETTER**

Commenting on the Secretary of State's remit letter to the STRB, **Chris Keates**, Acting General Secretary of NASUWT (the teachers' union representing 223,500 serving teachers), said:

"A consequence of the good working relationship and constructive dialogue we have developed with the Government is that STRB remit letters are not greeted with the dismay and despair they once were.

"Although the letter identifies some very difficult issues, the DfES's genuine commitment to discussing these with pay partners presents the opportunity to develop an agreed strategy to address them.

"This is infinitely better for teachers than the previous arrangements which were in effect little more than thinly veiled imposition.

"Detailed discussions are already well under way on the Excellent Teachers Scheme, the new framework for allowances and safeguarding.

"Seeking to ensure that teachers currently in receipt of management allowances are not disadvantaged in the transition to a new system is a crucial issue for NASUWT."

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