

Thousands of teachers face cut in pay and status says NUT

Commenting on the Government's decision on recommendations from the School Teachers' Review Body, Steve Sinnott, NUT General Secretary, said:

“Overall the proposed changes to the teachers' salary structure fail to meet the needs of schools.

“Thousands of teachers face a pay cut and loss of status as a result of the Government's introduction of teaching and learning responsibility payments. Those teachers are currently in receipt of management allowances which are to disappear under this new scheme. The change will also create unnecessary upheaval in schools.

“As the second largest organisation of headteachers, the Union is well aware that the Excellent Teachers Scheme creates an arbitrary and false dichotomy between ETS holders and those teachers with professional leadership responsibilities. Teachers with professional leadership responsibility and associated payments will not understand why they should be excluded from the ETS and there will be problems in relating such posts to management roles.

“The intention to limit safeguarding to three years will make the already difficult job of reorganizing schools still more thorny.

“The Review Body recommended that the NUT should be included without pre-condition in all future talks on teachers' pay and salary structure. It also recommended the Union's inclusion in discussion on teachers' professional development

“The Government has yet to accept these recommendations. The Union will strongly demand that they are implemented and the Union fully involved in these discussions.”

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