

# SUPPLY TEACHERS BULLETIN

## **A new Westminster Government. How will that impact on supply teachers in Wales?**

NASUWT has been involved in a series of meetings with the new Westminster Government, as well as through the auspices of the TUC, to put forward the case for a New Deal for Teachers, including ensuring adequate protections for all workers (such as supply teachers).

The Union will be campaigning and using its influence to ensure that the provisions in the Employment Rights Bill around zero-hours and 'low hours' contracts covers agency workers, including supply teachers.

NASUWT has been at the forefront of highlighting the mistreatment of supply teachers by employment agencies and other unscrupulous employers, and the Union will continue to ensure that this is flagged up as a key issue.

NASUWT will also be campaigning for stronger enforcement of workers' rights through the creation of a single enforcement body, including those relating to employment agencies.

## **What happened to the National Supply Pool?**

NASUWT has challenged the Welsh Government to put in place the National Supply Pool that it promised. Whilst Teacher Booker (a leading provider of supply staffing solutions for schools) has been initiated, the whole project seems to have stalled. The Welsh Government has told NASUWT that the technology is working but that progress is slow due to 'complexities in interpretation'. NASUWT will continue to lobby and campaign to challenge the Welsh Government to achieve progress with the National Supply Pool.

## **'Safe Sick Pay' campaign**

NASUWT is among a number of trade unions and organisations that support the 'Safe Sick Pay' campaign from the Centre for Progressive Change.

The UK has the worst statutory sick pay scheme of the OECD and the campaign calls upon the Government to address the derisory levels of Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) available to workers, including supply teachers.

More details on the campaign, including links to resources which supply teachers can use, are available at: [Statutory Sick Pay for Supply Teachers \(Wales\)](#)

## **Supply Teachers' Pay 2024/25**

Following the recommendations of the Independent Welsh Pay Review Body (IWPRB) in Wales, please be advised that the proposed updated daily rates for supply teachers can be found at: [Supply Teachers' Pay \(Wales\)](#)

### **Supply Teachers' Seminar**

The most recent Supply Teachers' Seminar took place online on 28 September 2024, with an update of the work done by NASUWT on behalf of supply teacher members – followed by a series of workshops, including:

- Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE);
- How to mitigate stress and feel in control;
- Pensions arrangements for supply teachers; and
- An introduction for those new to supply teaching.

The next Supply Teacher Conference will take place on 8 March 2025, so if you are interested in attending, or have a suggestion for a workshop, please contact the Conferences and Events Team at: [conferencesandevents@mail.nasuwat.org.uk](mailto:conferencesandevents@mail.nasuwat.org.uk)