



NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

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To all Newly Qualified members not having sent in a DD Mandate.

Dear Colleague,

As new recruits this year I'm sure that you have become aware of the current issues affecting the teaching profession such as the implementation of TLRs, the introduction of PPA time and the impending changes to the performance management regulations.

You will also, as members of the NUT, be aware that the NUT is the **only** teachers' organisation that has defended its members against loss of pay due to restructuring for TLRs, that has campaigned for PPA time to be covered only by qualified teachers and that has campaigned against changes in the PM regulations which impose performance related pay on teachers. Other teachers' associations, because of their membership of the 'social partnership' with the government, have been duty bound to 'promote and promulgate' the latest changes.

The NUT has remained an independent trade union unfettered by that restrictive link with government and the employers and long may it do so. We are free to campaign for the needs of our members and the children with whom they work. That has got to be the one of the biggest reasons for being a member of this union.

We are also the only union to have a continuously staffed local office during term time and also a Regional Team which includes qualified solicitors to give a very fast response to legal issues?

Other unions may offer longer free membership than does the NUT, we are confident that we offer the best services. **You get what you pay for!**

I note that when you took up your full membership of the Union you chose to pay by Direct Debit, but it appears that the Union has not yet received your direct debit mandate. Unfortunately your free membership will lapse at the end of December so I enclose a new direct debit for you to complete to ensure your continuing membership. Remember that you pay only half subscription for 2007 & 2008.

Yours sincerely,

As a special bonus to those sending the enclosed mandate to this office by the end of December we will send you, free of charge, a 512MB Memory Stick!

(We will, of course, send on the mandate to headquarters immediately.)

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