



ENFIELD NUT NEWS



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July 5th NUT Strike

The NUT strike of July 5th was extremely well supported by teachers and parents. Teachers responded in their thousands to the call to take action. In London, 7000 NUT members joined the rally to protest against the cuts and to defend our terms and conditions. There was a formidable presence from Enfield, with at least 20 schools represented and well over a hundred members. The campaign has also received the support of many more teacher colleagues with over 100 new members joining in the last few weeks.

A parent groups called **Let our Kids be Kids** expressed their support for the action:

"Parents are delighted that teachers are taking action and are not standing by allowing the DfE to press ahead with plans so widely recognised as being damaging to the education system in this country"



Enfield NUT members at strike march from Portland Place to Westminster and strike rally in Parliament Square

WISHING ALL ENFIELD TEACHERS, STUDENTS & PARENTS/CARERS A WELL-DESERVED, SAFE AND RESTFUL SUMMER HOLIDAY!



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Unions Call on Governors at Bowes, Chesterfield & Hazelbury to Delay Multi Academy Trust Decision

Enfield NUT, as well as the majority of the other trade unions representing teachers and support staff in Enfield, are opposed to Multi Academy Trusts, especially in primary schools. There are almost no successful existing models and no evidence whatsoever that they improve standards or results. The unions have written to all governors at the three schools and it is very disappointing that none of our letters have been responded to. Two of the original schools (Lavender & Brimsdown) pulled out of the plan only a matter of weeks ago and the latest variation of the plan will apparently involve Bowes Edmonton and Bowes Southgate Green becoming independent schools. We will now be raising our concerns with our local Members of Parliament and the DfE, what with the lack of detail and the significant changes to the original plans that were not part of the original consultation in May.

LGBT+ London Social at RVT

Over 90 people took part in London Regions Networking Event for LGBT+ teachers in March. A survey at the event found that over 60% of participants had never been to a division meeting before, while nine said they were interested in becoming an NUT Rep. The event focused on housing and had speakers from the London Assembly, Generation Rent, the Albert Kennedy Trust, London Teachers Housing Campaign and Regional Secretary Martin Powell-Davies.

National Campaign for Women – Pensions

A national campaign has been launched to protect women from unfair pension increments: Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI). Please click here to support the campaign: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/110776>

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