

End SATs – support teacher assessment

A message to all teachers from NUT General Secretary, Christine Blower

"I'm delighted with the huge amount of support that our campaign against SATs is gaining amongst teachers, parents and children.

Well over 10,000 people have now signed the NUT and NAHT's joint petition calling on the Government to end SATs. We plan to publicise the number of signatures received in November 2009 so let's see how many we can make it by October 31. Please encourage everyone you know to sign the petition online at the NUT website www.teachers.org.uk or download paper copies.

Together we can end the misery of SATs and make 2010 a great, SATs-free year for education."

Remember – Assessing Pupils' Progress (APP) is voluntary

The NUT, in common with the NAHT, will not sanction forms of assessment that increase workload.

A joint statement on APP has now been agreed between the teachers' organisations and the DCSF and QCDA. This says:

"Its use is voluntary. Any implementation of APP should be the subject of discussion and consultation with staff. Schools can adapt APP for their particular circumstances."

The NUT is absolutely clear that decisions about how and when to use APP must rest with staff after consultation in school.

Members who come under pressure to introduce forms of APP that contradict their professional judgement and create excessive workload should contact their local NUT representative.



Support the campaign

Please support your primary and middle school colleagues by getting involved in a 'SATs Saturday' – an activity day against SATs – in your local area. Contact your local NUT association/division secretary to find out what's going on locally.

Why SATs must go...the top three reasons

1. They narrow the curriculum
2. They create the tyranny of league tables
3. They cause unnecessary stress to children, parents and teachers.

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