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Trust teachers

The NUT is campaigning for the Government to trust teachers and respect their professional judgement. Please get involved in the Union's key campaigns.

No to Licence to Practise

The NUT campaign against the proposed Licence to Practise has had a tremendous effect. Recently the campaign gained support from opposition parties and Labour back-benchers. For the Liberal Democrats, David Laws described the licence as "a waste of money and a bureaucratic impediment" and the Conservatives' schools spokesperson, Nick Gibb, called the licensing proposal "absurd".

The cross-party Joint Committee on Human Rights has said that the Government's proposals may not be "compatible with the right of teachers to practise their profession." The committee has recommended that the Government amend the bill containing the licensing proposals or risk breaking the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

NUT members across the Union have publicised the campaign against the licence amongst colleagues to great effect, but we urgently need a final push to persuade the Government to think again.

Since the beginning of March over 4,000 more members have signed the NUT's online petition against the licence to practise. Please sign-up now and email your MP at www.teachers.org.uk/notolicencetopractise.

End SATs

If you are an NUT leadership group member you should now have received a ballot paper asking if you would be willing to boycott KS2 SATs this year. Please vote "YES" in this vital ballot.

If you are a classroom teacher, please do everything you can to support the Union's educational campaign to end SATs. Go to www.teachers.org.uk/assessment to sign the petition, email your MP and download resources.

Ofsted

The Union gained assurances from Chief Inspector Christine Gilbert, but are they making a difference? Keep sending in your experiences to inspections@nut.org.uk and go to www.teachers.org.uk/ofsted to email your MP to ask them to sign EDM 845 "Ofsted's new inspection framework for schools".

Christine Blower, General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said:

"We want politicians to trust teachers' professional judgement. Please do all you can to get involved in our priority campaigns and encourage your colleagues to join the NUT."

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