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Support your primary colleagues in the campaign to abolish SATs and league tables

Many primary schools in England will be boycotting the 2010 English and mathematics KS2 SATs as part of the trade dispute we have with the Government.

Leadership group members of both the NUT and the NAHT have voted to carry out the boycott. Many primary colleagues are angered by the fact that KS2 tests remain a statutory requirement despite the KS3 tests being dropped in 2009.

Support our educational campaign

Teachers not directly involved in the trade dispute can still help our educational campaign to get rid of SATs and league tables.

In particular we would encourage all teachers, of whatever union, to sign up to our online petition.

Powerful support

- An NAHT poll of 10,465 parents found that 85% thought the current system of testing should be abolished.

- The House of Commons' Children, Schools and Families Select Committee said in January 2010

"Schools feel so constrained by the fear of failure according to the narrow criteria of the performance tables that they resort to measures such as teaching to the test, narrowing the curriculum and an inappropriate focusing of resources on borderline candidates..."

- Professor Robin Alexander, of the Cambridge Review wrote in the Guardian on 27 April that we should *"Ditch the discredited dogma that there is no alternative to SATs"*.



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

"Our primary leadership members are taking a principled stand. Many politicians understand our concerns. All political parties should now commit to the abolition of SATs and league tables. Please support your primary colleagues by signing our petition and encouraging parents and support staff to sign it too. Go to www.teachers.org.uk/petition"

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