

## UNISON Update Summer Term - Government Announcement to increase funding for Schools - what it really means

Yesterday the Government promised £1.3bn in funding for schools in England in response to the campaign to against the cuts to school funding. But it quickly emerged that the money was being diverted from other parts of the education budget, rather than new cash from the Treasury. The money is being recycled from other parts of the education budget, including £200m from the free schools budget and £420m from the capital budget.

The promise of an extra £1.3bn for schools over the next two years represents a shift in government direction following a campaign by school staff and parents in the run-up to the general election. But the cuts that have already taken place, rising costs and the uncertainty still surrounding the new national funding formula, the complex funding pressures facing schools are unlikely to be swiftly resolved. Against this background the campaign against cuts continues. UNISON is part of the joint education union's campaign against the Government's school funding cuts. There are campaign resources for branches and regions on this website <https://www.schoolcuts.org.uk/#/>

## Stars in Schools – Date for your Diary

UNISON's annual celebration of school support staff will take place on the 24 November 2017. A variety of materials are now available for branches to order with others to follow from this link <http://www.starsinourschools.uk/resources/>

Please encourage your school to take part in this – UNISON will be raising this initiative with WAT national office.

## Take part in the 2017 UNISON Equality survey - chance to win a two night break at Croyde Bay in Devon

Making workplaces fairer and more equal for our members is a central part of the work that UNISON does. This survey is confidential and anonymous, although you do have the opportunity at the end to give us your e-mail address if you are happy for us to contact you to follow-up your answers. The link to the survey is here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2V868JJ> and closes on Monday 7 August.

## School Uniform Grants from UNISON Tell Your Members!

If you're a member and need help with the costs of new school uniforms, you can apply for a grant from our UNISON welfare 'There for You ' between now and 21 July.

The grant is a one-off payment of £40 per school age child, up to a total of £120, to help members on low incomes deal with the cost of school uniforms.

Families often struggle to make ends meet – and this can be particularly acute before the new school year begins, when those extra costs hit hard.

To qualify, members must either be receiving housing benefit or have a net household income of less than £18,000 a year. You will need to fill in an application form

<https://www.unison.org.uk/content/uploads/2017/05/24340.pdf>

To find out more a Q and A on UNISON School Uniform Grant can be accessed from this link <https://www.unison.org.uk/content/uploads/2017/05/24341.pdf> remember the deadline is **21 July 2017!**

### Summer Offers for UNISON Members

UNISON's Croyde Bay Holiday Resort is sited next to the dunes of Croyde Bay's sandy beach, just a 10 minute walk from the picture postcard village of Croyde, and a few miles from Ilfracombe. Guests return here year after year, impressed with the great hospitality, friendly service and warm welcome.

So it's a good reason for us to remind you of the special discounts for members at UNISON's very own Croyde Bay Resort in North Devon. It starts with a big 15% OFF holidays or short breaks, for any member, rising to a huge 50% OFF for low paid UNISON members go to this link <https://www.croydeunison.co.uk/welcome/unison/> for the qualifying criteria.

Being in a brilliant location next to the fabulous Croyde Beach, with top quality Hotel and Self Catering accommodation, lots of free facilities and a super friendly welcome that never ends, have all contributed to Croyde Bay Resort winning a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence for the last 5 years!! With no minimum stay requirement you can stay for a week or just a couple of days.

### Offers for members are also available from UNISON Travel Club

The UNISON Travel Club <http://www.unisontravelclub.co.uk/> an approved partner of UNISON so you can be assured of great quality exclusive deals - which will genuinely save you money.

If you'd like any more information, email [education@unison.co.uk](mailto:education@unison.co.uk)

If you would like to get more involved in UNISON please drop a line to [education@unison.co.uk](mailto:education@unison.co.uk) and we will put you in touch with a local representative.

P.S. Remember - if your colleagues haven't yet joined UNISON now is a good time to join. With all the uncertainty about pay and funding make sure your team is in a union!

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