

As prices keep on rising...

2022-23 NJC Pay Claim Submitted

Food, petrol, energy. Everything is going upwards. RPI inflation for April was 11.1% and looks set to go even higher.

The value of pay for local government and school support staff has fallen by 25% in real terms since 2010!

The Government has already talked about further pay restraint (cuts) across the public sector, stating a miserly 3% cap. The pay claim from the 3 trade unions is for £2000 or RPI inflation rate, whichever is the greater. Details of the claim can be found [2022-23 NJC Pay Claim Submitted – Sandwell General UNISON Branch](#) (sandwellunison.co.uk)

If you want your union to be able to do anything on pay it is vital you use your vote. Your union is unable to call any action unless more than 50% cast their vote. That means you need to complete any ballot paper and post it.

The 2022 NJC claim is likely to be turned down so look out for your consultative ballot paper shortly. **Arm your union with the muscle to improve any below inflation pay offer – VOTE when you receive your ballot paper!**



UNISON pickets outside Smethwick Baths on 10 May 2022

Chancellor Rishi Sunak sits on £730million pile

The Chancellor that is forcing further real pay cuts on those across the public sector sits on a huge pile of wealth. According to the Sunday Times Rich List Rishi Sunak and his wife's personal wealth amounts to a staggering £730 million!

Now shamed into paying tax in the UK, the Sunaks do not know the consequences of pay restraint. Instead of raising more tax from workers income – there should be a wealth tax on Britain's super-rich and Billionaires, who made a fortune during the pandemic.

But that would mean a Chancellor taxing himself, instead of us paying for COVID.

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