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INTRODUCTION

Many of us will have watched on Sunday night the much built up televised statement by the Prime Minister who was supposed to outline the way forward for the nation in this Covid crisis. What we got took the government gross incompetence in how it has responded in this crisis to new depths.

Aside from the now normal confusing and unclear blather and waffle the only concrete elements of the broadcast only showed how utterly inept and dangerous this government has become. Boris Johnson called for an immediate return to work the next day for all those who cannot work at home when Government guidance on how workplaces could be made safer was not publicly released or even made available to employers or trade unions until Tuesday.

He also said those he called on to return to work should avoid using public transport. Four out of every five low paid workers are employed in roles that cannot be carried out at home. They overwhelmingly rely most on public transport to get to and from their place of work. These are the people Johnson said should be encouraged to return to work without any notice, preparation or assurances never mind guarantees about their safety at work.

Government 'guidance' is so vague that most Tory ministers do not know when asked what it means and Tory MPs use the Mantra they are not part of the Government so cannot be expected to understand the guidance. But somehow workers who are putting their lives on the line are expected to understand and trust what abysmally passes for Government guidance.

The shameful actions and lack of transparency of this Tory Government is nothing short of a scandal. We have seen daily Government televised briefings throughout this crisis which included graphs showing the level of new cases of infection and sadly deaths internationally.

What does the Government do when it is clear their failure to effectively deal with the crisis means the UK have the highest death rates in Europe?

Scrap the graphs.

The Government's incompetence will not be hidden so easily and they must be held accountable. In the same pre-recorded televised statement we were also told some school age groups will return to school on 1st June with other age groups doing so later.

This despite there being no agreement with teaching unions, the national headteachers or our union who represent school support staff. Their joint position is not to engage in any arrangements for a return on 1st June without an agreement.

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Our branch will support all our school members on any developments as this situation unfolds.

It has been reported that privately the Treasury have looked at freezing public sector pay for two years to pay for their utter mismanagement of the Covid crisis.

So much for an end to austerity.

If these proposals ever see the light of day it will only further highlight the appalling hypocrisy of the Tory Government praising key workers, clapping for heroes on a Thursday whilst apparently plotting to cut their pay in real terms.

Should the government dare go down this road UNISON together with every other public sector trade union will fight any attempt to attack public sector pay using all possible means.

Week in and week out our branch continues to assist and represent our members as best as we can. The greater our trade union membership numbers are and the higher our density among employers the stronger our voice will be.

If you know any worker not in a union please point out there has rarely been a more important time to be in a trade union.

Evelyn Doyle
Manchester UNISON Branch Secretary

A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Safety for all workers is UNISON's bottom line

The past seven weeks have been difficult for all of us. For most of the country, there has been confinement at home, unable to see family and friends, and a deep anxiety about what the future will bring.

For many UNISON members, there has been the entirely different pressure of going to work, with all the health risks that entails, and the added fear of infecting family members. NHS workers and care workers in particular have worked in incredibly difficult circumstances, sometimes without the necessary equipment they need to ensure their safety.

Each week we take to our doorsteps and our windows to clap for them. But we also clap too for the countless other key workers who are also keeping our communities going at considerable risk to themselves and their families – refuse workers, school staff, postal workers, supermarket workers and delivery drivers.

This has been a tough couple of months – the toughest in our union's history, and perhaps the toughest in a generation or more.

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Whilst it is understandable that there is a desire to return – gradually – to something approaching normality, protecting key workers who have no choice but to go to work is absolutely paramount.

UNISON members know better than anyone that without a vibrant economy, there can be no future for public services – however that economy cannot be built on unsafe working conditions and lost lives.

In the next stage of our national and international effort to fight this virus, safety must be paramount – for working people, for public services and for those fighting to care for those in the most desperate need.

Throughout the crisis, we've been clear that we're willing to work with the government and employers to get the approach right – to save lives.

Our constructive approach has meant more and better PPE reaching workplaces than would've been the case. It has meant, working with other unions, that the government's furlough and job retention schemes have staved off some of the worst effects on families and individuals up and down the country.

But that constructive approach has never been a blank cheque for the government – far from it. We have spoken out, privately and publicly, about the impact that errors, delays and misjudgements have had on our members, on public services and on our communities.

Right now, the greatest risk we face is confusion, when what will save lives is clarity. Yet since the Prime Minister's address to the nation on Sunday evening, people are now more bewildered than they are reassured. This is made worse now that England is out of step with Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The UK needs to get back to work and school, but it must be a safe return for workers and their families. Otherwise all the benefits of the lockdown will be squandered, and a second wave could prove too much for the NHS and other frontline services.

If we want to save lives, if we want to save our NHS, we need clarity and careful planning. The government needs to work more closely with both employers and trade unions to move us out of lockdown, on a timetable guided by science and safety.

Our members have worked so hard to battle the virus, protect our communities and maintain the lockdown. Now they need the government to work just as hard to ensure that any relaxation of the lockdown – whenever it comes in different parts of the UK – is safe for all workers.

That is UNISON's bottom line.

Dave Prentis
UNISON General Secretary

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Prime Minister's plan to increase pupil numbers in schools before they are safe

You will no doubt have heard the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday that the government intends to increase the number of children attending early years settings and primary schools in England from 1 June.

At UNISON we have always been clear that we want to work with government on the issue of schools opening to more pupils. However we firmly believe schools should only increase numbers when it is safe to do so for pupils, parents and staff. Any plan to reopen schools needs to address a range of issues including PPE, testing, tracing, isolation and social distancing. Government has to date failed to deliver on these vital safety measures.

Further joint education union statement on the safe re-opening of schools

UNISON, GMB, Unite, NEU, NASUWT and NAHT have issued a further joint statement as affiliates of the TUC about the safe re-opening of schools. Together we are calling on the government to hold off on increasing the number of pupils in schools and nurseries in England on 1 June. We all agree we need a joint plan with the government for a safe increase in pupil numbers.

UNISON is urgently working on materials for members that will help provide a framework for protecting staff and discussions about health and safety at your school. In the meantime, if senior leadership insists that members engage with planning for 1 June opening, we are advising that members make it clear that they and their union have serious concerns about the health and safety of staff and pupils, and don't believe opening from 1 June can be safe. More details to follow.

Full text of yesterday's statement:

"We all want schools to re-open, but that should only happen when it is safe to do so. The government is showing a lack of understanding about the dangers of the spread of coronavirus within schools, and outwards from schools to parents, sibling and relatives, and to the wider community.

"Uniquely, it appears, school staff will not be protected by social distancing rules. 15 children in a class, combined with their very young age, means that classrooms of 4 and 5-year olds could become sources of Covid-19 transmission and spread. While we know that children generally have mild symptoms, we do not know enough about whether they can transmit the disease to adults. We do not think that the government should be posing this level of risk to our society.

"We call on the government to step back from the 1st June and work with us to create the conditions for a safe return to schools based on the principles and tests we have set out."

The principles and tests include (see full statement from Friday 8 May, linked to below):

- Safety and welfare of pupils and staff as the paramount principle
- No increase in pupil numbers until full rollout of a national test and trace scheme

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- A national Covid-19 education taskforce with government, unions and education stakeholders to agree statutory guidance for safe reopening of schools
- Consideration of the specific needs of vulnerable students and families facing economic disadvantage
- Additional resources for enhanced school cleaning, PPE and risk assessments
- Local autonomy to close schools where testing indicates clusters of new covid-19 cases

Statement to the Secretary of State for Education on 8 May:

The full statement setting out the principles and tests can be found here: <https://www.tuc.org.uk/news/unions-set-out-needs-safe-reopening-schools-letter-education-secretary>

We need your views

Can you take a couple of minutes to tell us what you think?

Whatever type of school setting you work in, your answers will help us put pressure on government to hit the brakes until there's a proper plan in place. You're the experts on what works in schools and you need to be heard.

[Take the survey](#)

Our key safety tests

Along with the other education unions, we have written to the Education Secretary outlining the key tests we believe must be met before schools in England can be safely reopened. They include:

- No increase in pupil numbers until full rollout of a test and trace scheme
- A joint taskforce to agree statutory guidance
- Consideration of the specific needs of vulnerable students and families
- Additional resources for enhanced cleaning, PPE and risk assessments
- Local autonomy to close schools where testing finds clusters of new cases

[Read our key tests in full](#)

Below are several links to published guidance by the DfE on preparing to send children back to school as both parents and education workers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>



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ADULT SERVICES

As we continue to battle the Covid19 pandemic, and the governments incompetent handling of it, UNISON has continued to be involved with ensuring that the Health and Safety of our members is at the forefront of employer's minds. Last week again saw Risk Assessments tightened up, PPE re-confirmed and escalation policies put in place to keep key workers in Homelessness safe and able to provide the service that is not only essential in such demanding times but is also resulting in excellent outcomes for vulnerable service users.

You can read more about the actions taken to support homeless people across Greater Manchester during this crisis by reading this recent article published on the MEN website:

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/sleep-luxury-hotels-others-beg-18166536>

While work is going reasonably well with employers during this time of extra stress, there are inevitably always individual issues that slip through or support that is needed where management or employers have not been taking due care of our members. In those cases don't hesitate to get in touch so that we can help.

Manchester City Council's Executive Member for Adult Services & Health, Bev Craig, has announced that the council has signed up to UNISON's Care Workers vs COVID-19 pledge to:

- 1. Protect Our Health** – Priority testing for care workers to limit the spread of disease to vulnerable patients and service users. Guarantee all essential training and personal protection equipment (PPE) to all frontline workers (e.g. goggles, masks, hand sanitisers, thermometers) in line with Public Health England guidance.
- 2. Protect Our Pay** – Full normal pay for all those required by government guidance to self-isolate or who become ill because of COVID-19, in order to prevent unnecessary spread of infection. This includes all staff on zero-hour contracts, bank/relief contracts or multiple contracts.
- 3. Protect Our Employment** – Ensure no-one is dismissed or laid-off for staying at home to care for themselves or their family. Absence due to COVID-19 should be excluded from absence management triggers.
- 4. Protect Our Families** – Carers leave on full-pay for workers caring for a dependent who has COVID-19 or for whom childcare is unavailable.

In order to achieve these aims MCC has agreed to write out to the commissioned Care Home Sector stating that they will be increasing funding to the sector by 10% for at least the next three months so that they can meet these pledges and that there will be monitoring to ensure this.

There is an ongoing conversation with MCC's health and commissioning colleagues to take this further in the wider care sector. We will be sharing more detail in future bulletins.

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COVID-19 FUND AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



If you are a member and you are currently experiencing financial difficulties, whatever the circumstances, **There for You** can offer you support.

We can provide one-off grants to those in difficulty due to coronavirus, or other financial assistance for those experiencing unexpected hardship. The two schemes are outlined below but if you have any questions please email thereforyou@unison.co.uk.

COVID-19 Response Fund

There for You has set up a special response fund to help UNISON members in immediate financial difficulty due to coronavirus. We can provide a **one-off grant of £250** to help with essential expenses such as food and bills.

Please note that this is a limited fund and grants will continue to be paid until the fund is exhausted.

To be eligible for a COVID-19 grant the following must apply:

- You or your partner have suffered a reduction in earnings as a result of the coronavirus crisis which has put you in financial difficulty; **OR**
- You or your partner are a key worker with increased work-related costs as a result of the crisis, e.g. transport, care, or laundry costs.

You must also:

- Be a UNISON member with at least 4 weeks membership and have paid your subscriptions;
- Have savings of less than £800;
- Apply for any statutory help you might be entitled to.

[Click on this link to apply online now](#)

If you do not meet the above criteria but are experiencing unexpected financial hardship due to a change in circumstances, we might be able to help you in other ways. Please see below for details about financial assistance.

Financial Assistance

You may have financial difficulties for all sorts of unexpected reasons, such as:

- Loss of income;
- Relationship breakdown;

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- Bereavement;
- Suffering from a long illness;
- Needing to buy equipment because of a disability;
- Caring for someone with special needs or an illness.

What we can help with

There for You is proud to support thousands of members and their families every year, with grants totalling over half a million pounds to help with things such as general living costs, household appliances, urgent repairs, disability equipment and adaptations, utility bills and funeral costs.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for financial assistance, you must have been a member of UNISON for at least four weeks and up-to-date with your subscriptions. Also, that the financial difficulties that led you to apply occurred after you joined. Partners or dependants can also apply.

To apply, please download an application form, fill it out and return it to us along with scans, screenshots or photos of your supporting paperwork.

[Download application form](#)

If you have difficulty completing the form, email us at thereforyou@unison.co.uk or call **020 7121 5620** and leave a message with your contact details. We will be in touch as soon as possible to help you through the process.

UNISON benefits calculator

See what help is available from benefits if you're affected by coronavirus, and make sure you're getting all the help you're eligible for with the UNISON Benefits Calculator.

[Check my benefits](#)

Help with debt

Even a small change in circumstances can turn a manageable situation into a debt problem that may threaten your home or your family's wellbeing. UNISON Debtline is a free, confidential debt advice service that can help you deal with all sorts of debt.

[Get help with debt](#)

Resouces

[There for You – application for financial assistance form](#) (Downloadable form)

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NEW WAYS FOR MEMBERS TO GET LEGAL HELP



During the COVID-19 crisis, UNISON has changed its processes to make it easier for members to get legal support at no extra cost, as part of their union membership.

Employment advice

Members with issues relating directly to their work should still go direct to their branch, but to speed things up, we have adapted [the case form](#) to make it more streamlined.

COVID-19 and PPE issues

If members have any concerns about PPE in their workplace, these should also be raised directly with their branch who are best placed to negotiate with the employer and support their members.

Non-employment legal advice

UNISON has set up a new direct phone number to our legal services provider Thompsons to make it quick and easy to access our wider range of legal services. **The UNISON line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 0808 252 2783.**

When calling this number members should have their UNISON membership number to hand. Members can use this number to get access to:

Personal injury advice

Members seeking legal advice following any type of work accident or injury or where they have suffered an industrial disease can call this number for legal support.

This may include members who believe they are suffering from COVID-19 as a result of their work,

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or members' families in the tragic circumstances where they believe the member has died due to contracting COVID-19 as a result of their work.

Even in these challenging times employers still have a duty to do all that is reasonably practicable to safeguard their employees thereby reducing the risk of injury/infection.

Our frontline members are often working in very high risk situations, and employers should be regularly assessing those risks and acting accordingly — providing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) with proper guidance and training for use.

Members may be able to make a personal injury claim if it can be shown that their employers have failed to take reasonable steps to protect them and this caused their injury.

Members and their families looking for legal advice following a non-work-related accident or injury should also call **0808 252 2783**.

Other legal advice

The new number **0808 252 2783** should also be used for:

- UNISON's initial free legal advice scheme – on any non work-related matter
- our criminal law assistance scheme – where our members are defending work-related criminal allegations
- the free initial online standard wills service for members
- our clinical negligence scheme – covering initial advice.

RECENT BRANCH TWEETS

In order to keep our members informed we are now posting more frequently on our branch Twitter account [@UnisonMcr](#). Please consider giving us a follow, if you do not already.

27 April 2020 - [Link to Tweet](#)

Councils have suffered a decade of austerity and cannot 'share the burden'. Councils have done everything possible to help people during the [#C19](#) crisis and they must be fully funded. This government promised it would 'do what it takes' and fund them. [Link](#)

5 May 2020 - [Link to Tweet](#)

If we truly value our NHS, it will take more than our applause to rescue it from hypocritical Tories who are shameless enough exploit this crisis to sneakily dismantle it and give away the pieces to their greedy corporate mates. [Link](#)

14 May 2020 - [Link to Tweet](#)

If you are a union activist working in social care and you want to help campaign for change then you should consider registering for this event hosted by [@NorthWestUNISON](#) [@CareVsCov19](#) [#COVID19](#) [Link](#)

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IN MEMORIAM: DENIS GOLDBERG



The Branch was very sorry to hear of the death of Denis Goldberg on 29 April 2020 aged 87.

Denis was a lifelong anti racist, socialist and internationalist.

Along with Nelson Mandela and other members of the ANC fighting apartheid in South Africa in 1964 he was sentenced at the Rivonia trial to life imprisonment.

Unlike his black comrades sent to Robben Island he was sent to an all white jail where he was incarcerated for over 21 years until his release on condition of exile in 1985.

He moved to London where he actively resumed campaigning with the ANC in Britain and internationally against apartheid.

He also formed Community Heart which organised a number of organisations internationally to raise funds for vulnerable people in South Africa and in particular young people including the Book and 10 pence appeal which were supported by UNISON nationally.

Through these projects many in our Branch were fortunate to meet Denis who was generous in his time to our union and former Branch Officers Isobel McVicar and Brian Stangoe were deeply involved in Community Heart.

Denis (pictured above speaking at UNISON National Conference in 2010 accepting honorary life membership) returned to South Africa in his later years and assisted the new Government from 2002 but later was prepared to criticise corruption under Jacob Zuma.

Those lucky to meet him and hear him talk without bitterness about his past experiences will never forget his determination, frankness, positivity and his commitment which was inspirational.

He told of when he was sentenced with many expecting the death sentence his mother could not hear what was said and he called out 'Life, life is wonderful'. He truly lived a wonderful life.

Our Branch Executive agreed a donation to the Denis Goldberg Foundation who will carry on the fight for justice and equality.

Pat McDonagh - Manchester UNISON Branch Chair

Guardian Obituary: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/03/denis-goldberg-obituary>

Memorial Service: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWJNT1Bv8BU>

Official Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/dglftrust>

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HAVE YOUR DETAILS CHANGED?

In order to continue providing the most effective service to our members we need to ensure that all the information we have recorded for them is up-to-date and accurate. As an individual member there are some steps you can take to update your own personal information, but for certain things only the branch are able to make the necessary changes.

One of the easiest ways for a member to update their details is to logon to **MyUNISON**, which you can do by visiting the following website: <https://www.unison.org.uk/my-unison/>

When logged into **MyUNISON** you are able to make changes to the following personal details:

Name, DoB, National Insurance Number, Ethnic Origin, Disabled Status, Sexual Orientation, Contact Information, Mailing Preferences, Contact Consent, Home Address, Employer Name, Workplace Location and Job Role.

In addition to the above you can also request a new UNISON membership card, change your membership category and update your current salary range through **MyUNISON**.

Please note that to access the site you will need to register first and this process requires your UNISON membership number. You can find your number on your UNISON membership card, or in the welcome pack you received when you joined UNISON.

We hope you find this information useful and remember that you can always call the branch on **0161 254 7500** if you need further assistance and one of the team will be happy to help you.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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Branch Chair: **Pat McDonagh** (email: p.mcdonagh@manchester.gov.uk)

UNISONdirect

The UNISONdirect call centre will be closed from 5pm on 24 March 2020. There are a limited number of staff working from home and they will continue to help members through UNISON's online enquiries form <http://www.unison.org.uk/get-help/online-enquiries>

When members phone UNISONDirect, the greeting message will sign post them to the UNISON website for branch and region information. They will also be directed to UNISON's coronavirus webpage <https://www.unison.org.uk/coronavirus-rights-work/> that is updated regularly.

Social Media

The social media accounts below are worth following for more information.

[@UnisonMcr](https://twitter.com/UnisonMcr) - our branch twitter account which will have regular updates during the crisis

[@manchesterheal1](https://twitter.com/manchesterheal1) - regular updates for all UNISON health workers in Manchester

[@NorthWestUNISON](https://twitter.com/NorthWestUNISON) - official twitter account of the North West Region of UNISON

[@unisontheunion](https://twitter.com/unisontheunion) - official twitter account for the national union

Mental Health Helplines

If remaining isolated is affecting your mental health, or you are concerned about a loved one who might be suffering themselves then have a look at this list of helplines and support groups that may be able to help: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/>

Home Education Resources

The Government recently published a list of high-quality resources that parents and schools can consider to support education at home: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources>

Free School Meals Guidance

The Government has also confirmed that it will extend financial support to children eligible for free school meals who are not attending school during the Easter holidays. For more information you should refer to the official guidance here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance-for-schools>

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Please go to unison.org.uk/privacy-policy to see how we will protect and use your personal information

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4 Campaign fund contribution

UNISON stands up for its members and speaks out publicly on the issues that affect them. To continue this work we ask for an additional voluntary 5% campaign contribution by Direct Debit when you join. Please tick your preference below:

Campaign Fund UNISON Labour Link No thank you

The campaign fund promotes better public services, enables the union to talk with politicians of any party about the work our members do and supports the union's equalities work.

Labour Link campaigns for UNISON policy on the NHS, your employment rights and for quality public services within the Labour Party locally and in Parliament.

If you selected 'No thank you' - by ticking this box you are giving consent for UNISON to contact you in future about our campaign funds. We will do this using the contact details you provided on this form.

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Account number

Branch sort code

Office use only: Service user no.

Office use only: Membership number

Please pay UNISON Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with UNISON and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

Signature Date

Banks and building societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions for some types of account