

Important Dates: 26 October 2011—Lobby of Parliament. One teacher from each school ideally to go on the lobby (it's half term so cover not required)
Tuesday 8 November 2011—7pm—Lecture hall Ipswich library—public meeting on pensions
Wednesday 30 November 2011—Planned strike day over pensions (if the Government hasn't conceded)

NEWS SUMMARY

Phase One SOR saw Haverhill and Lowestoft Middle Schools closed resulting in around 100 teachers losing their jobs. There now appear to be issues around part timers and redundancy. If you are part-time get an absolute assurance in writing from the SOR team about redundancy and your particular situation.

Academies and free schools—a few more secondary schools became academies in September and there are likely to be more in the near future. Last September there was only one primary academy but this looks like it is going to increase to possibly four by September 2012. There is only one free school (based on the Clare Middle School site) but there are at least three more proposed as other middle schools close and there is also talk of a free school in Felixstowe in opposition to the new AET Academy.

The NUT remains totally opposed to all academies and free schools. If you hear of any being proposed in Suffolk please let me know as soon as possible.

GENERAL ADVICE STPCD

Pay progression—Section 2, Para 19.5.1

TLR—Section 2, Para 21.1

Rarely cover—Section 2, Para 72.9.2

Part time—Section 2, Para 74.7

Midday supervision—Section 2, Paragraph 74.11

PPA time —Section 2, Para 75.2

Most questions can be answered by referring to STPCD (School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document). Ask to see a copy if you have any questions and also phone or email me if you don't know what question to ask or they refuse to give you access to STPCD.

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