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Dear Mr Sunak,

Supply Teachers

I am writing again in furtherance of the letter sent on 14th September 2020 in which I outlined the NASUWT's concerns regarding the situation for supply teachers and the increased financial uncertainty they face, given the impending closure of the furlough scheme at the end of October 2020, coupled with the Government's guidance for the safe opening of schools.

The Union awaits a response, but, more importantly, hardworking and dedicated supply teachers want to know what will happen going forwards.

We are acutely aware of the demands being made of you and the Government at this time. We would ask, however, that serious consideration is given by the Treasury to further financial protections to be available to teachers and other groups of workers whose incomes and livelihoods will be seriously impacted as a consequence of the further extension of Coronavirus emergency restrictions announced the Prime Minister yesterday.

I recognise your commitment to the education of children and young people. Indeed, it is the NASUWT's view that the provision of high quality education will rely on schools having access to qualified and experienced teachers throughout the autumn and winter. We believe that it is now vital that financial protection is available for supply teachers to cover the loss of pay at this time and to support their access to training and professional development during periods when they do not have access to paid work.

I look forward to hearing from you as a matter of some urgency.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Patrick Roach
General Secretary