

Messages of Solidarity to School Caretakers and Secretaries for their Pension Parity Strike.

1,500 messages (135 pages) from across Fórsa union, schools, colleagues, and their supporters across Ireland



Donna, IO

Comrades, well done on fighting for what's right and fair, and a fight for pensions that is relevant to so many workers. Stay strong and hold the line- you are doing us all proud <3

Helen

Your not alone. Your standing up for fair treatment, dignity and respect. Stay strong and stay united. When we fight together, we win together.

Amy

Maith sibh agus beir bua!

William, Staff Officer

Wish all Secretaries and Caretakers the best of luck in their upcoming industrial action. Fair pensions for your service should be the norm!

Thomas, Library Worker

You all do such great work- that so often goes unnoticed - you have been treated disgracefully - solidarity from Library workers in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown

James, County Council worker

Solidarity to the secretaries and caretakers from the Council workers

Helen, project worker chair BVA elected member of HWDEC

We are all with you enough is enough on behalf of the BVA

Tighearnan, Library Assistant

I used to work as an SNA in schools and I can say from my own experience without the secretaries and caretakers the buildings would fall apart. All of you deserve equality in pay and pensions with anyone else in the schools.

Martina, Youth Worker

Stay strong we from the BVA branch are in total support of your action and will ask all of our members to stand with you all on the picket line where possible. Together we are stronger

Joe , Retired member of CWU

Stay strong comrades, the public is on your side, solidarity.

Emma

Stay United, Stay Strong!!

Saoirse

Go strong in your industrial action! Don't let them intimidate you! Up the workers!

Shelly, SNA

Hoping you will be brought in line with the rest of us, ye deserve it so much. My school would not run at all without our school secretary, she is a legend. I'm sure all schools feel the same way. As an SNA , our package isn't great but it's so much better than yours and that should not be the case.

Martina, SNA

I hope that you find strength from your supporters and succeed with your claims.

Jane, SNA

Wishing all secretaries and caretakers all the best and we are behind ye ~~100~~ percent



Adele , SNA

Good luck to all our secretaries and caretakers. You have a lot of support and best wishes.

Olivia , SNA

Wishing you all success in your campaign for fairness. Its dreadful that you've had to resort to strike action to progress your cause.

Louise , SNA

Good luck to school secretary's and caretakers. You will win this fight and abolish this inequality!

Antionette , SNA

Keep up the fight we're all behind you

Sandra, Special needs assistant

I fully support our caretakers and secretaries in their fight for equality for the same pension rights and sick leave as there other school collagues Teachers and SNAs

Inger, SNA

We are all brought into this world equally, we work hard and deserve equal rights in our workplace!

Kathleen

I support you in your action.

Brian, Dept of justice

I fully support my colleagues in the education sector who do vital work every day to ensure the children and young people receive the education that is their right. Not having pension parity is unacceptable. Best wishes. Brian.

Aislinn, Executive Officer

Stand up together for what you deserve! So proud of you all <3

John

As Chairperson of the Meath Council of Trade Unions I confirm our solidarity with all caretakers and secretaries going on strike. I hope to support you by attending at one of the schools when the pickets are placed on the school's in Meath.

Mary, civil servant

I really hope that this is sorted and you get the pension that you deserve. Secretaries and caretakers are the backbone of schools and they could not function without them. Best of luck

Catherine

Good luck to all involved in this action. Fair pay and terms and conditions for all!

Louise, Administrative Staff Officer

Best of luck in your actions, you deserve so much better. We are all behind you.

Audrey , Executive Officer

Fully in support of this industrial action. Remember everyone, NEVER pass a picket.

David

This seems like a very straight forward case of basic fairness. It's wrong that you should have to strike to get such basic entitlements but I'm sure you will win in the end.

Seán, Executive Officer

Full support to those on strike, best of luck to you all!

Clare , CO

We know how hard you all work, you are the beating heart of schools.

Joanna, SNA

May you get what you have deserved since day one!! You are indispensable to all schools

Kathleen , SNA

Good luck with the strick . You deserve the same rights as the rest of us.

Neil

Best of Luck with your campaign here's hoping for a successful outcome

Fiona, Clerical Officer

Best of luck

Theresa, Dietitian

Wishing you a short strike and a positive outcome. The school secretary and care-taker are actually 2 of the most important people to my daughter in primary school. Often we say 'ask Catherine or ask Johnny' way before we would consider asking the teachers. Always met with kindness and knowledge way beyond many in the school due to lived experience. People that we feel comfortable letting our guard down with in times of issues. Pensions WELL earned and deserved. Equal to any staff member in a school.

Caragh

Best of luck and I hope you have a successful outcome.

Marie, JCSP Librarian

I am lucky to work in an ETB school where all staff have the same rights to a pension and leave. I hope this strike will level the field for all the secretaries and caretakers who are unfairly excluded from this. Thinking of ye all this week.

Sam

I support this strike and agree that public service pensions should be available to all school secretaries

Elaine, SNA

Every secretary and caretaker I know and especially those I have worked alongside go above and beyond in their work caring for the school, it's pupils and it's staff. They fully deserve to have the same rights as SNAs and teachers.

Deirdre, A/Administrative Officer

I support fair pensions for all school staff & support the school Secretaries and Caretakers in their strike action

Aoife , Library assistant

I fully support school secretaries and caretakers, who are such essential staff, in their pursuit of pension parity.

Emerson

Hold strong, you deserve your pensions! Best of luck <3

Catriona, Fórsa Official

100% behind you all. You all do amazing jobs and schools, pupils and parents would be lost without you. Hope to see you at the Sligo demo and at some of the schools.

Oonagh

I support your need to strike.
You deserve pay parity and the other benefits your colleagues have.

Rebekah , Clerical Officer

When workers fight workers win

Karen , Sna

We support you.

Anne-Marie, Court Registrar

I support you in this campaign. Of course you should have pension parity, its unbelievable that you don't. Let's all stand together.

Noreen , Administration

Wishing ye every success long time waiting and well deserved

Catherine, ANA

Thank you for your amazing work. Our turn to support you 🙌

Alison

Stay strong, united you can achieve anything.
Be confident of the support of your Union colleagues and wider society.

Louise, Pilot

Secretaries & Caretakers

You are the unsung heroes of the education sector but without you the schools cannot run. We know the value of your work.

I understand how stressful it is when you have to take this stance, Stay strong-you deserve the improvements you are campaigning for.

Kenneth

You looked after our kids and their school. It's time someone made sure you were looked after. Imelda does a fantastic job for Ravenswell School in Bray. Fairness and Respect is well overdue.

Éilis

Rúdaí bunúsacha atá ar iarraidh agaibh,
agus an méid obair a dhéanann sibh.
Seas an fód
agus Beir Bua 🙌

Patricia

I am shocked to hear of all this, both my children have gone through school over the past twenty years and I had NO idea, sorry about that tbh - on Thursday, my first grandchild is starting in Junior Infants please God & that is the DAY OF ACTION for you all - You have support now...what can we do?

Geraldine, Clerical Officer

Totally agree with you all & wishing you a successful outcome. You all deserve to be treated fairly 🙌

Janet , SNA

Unfortunately for all secretaries nd caretakers a strike has to take place absolutely disgraceful their lack of entitlement that everybody in schools receive Schools would be in dire straits without them you all have my support 🙌 especially Ange nd Alan in my school who the school would be lost without

Cliona , Staff officer HSE

My mother was a secretary, the work she did was not recognized financially, clerical officer wages for 30 despite meeting the criteria for grade V or VI. School secretaries are the cogs that keep the school running, the friendly face when our kids are sick they deserve it all!

Damien, Acting Principal Environmental Health Officer

I stand in full solidarity with the 2,800 school secretaries and caretakers taking industrial action from 28 August. These dedicated professionals have long been the backbone of our schools, yet continue to face an unjust and unequal system that denies them basic entitlements like public service pensions. Their courage in stepping forward — many for the first time and often alone — is a powerful reminder of the strength and dignity of collective action. It is unacceptable that those who have served our education system faithfully for decades are left without the security they deserve in retirement. Their fight is not only for fairness, but also for recognition and respect. Let us make sure they know they are not alone — our support is unwavering.

Jennifer , CO

You deserve equal rights as SNAs

Anne, SNA

Thinking of you all and the wonderful work you do within our our schools. It's absolutely scandalous that ye are on a different parity to other school staff. Wishing you all success in the days ahead as ye fight for your rights.

Majella, LAIT SUPPORT

There should be parity of pay for all grades and positions in all Governmental sectors. The best of luck

Martin, Executive Officer

to all School Secretaries and caretakers all the very best to you and I really hope the strike will win you the rights to benefits you should have had years ago.

keep fighting all the very best

Pamela

School secretaries and caretakers are central to the running of every school. 100% of the children attending school will know their names and will know who to turn to when they need help, whereas they will not know all the other students in the school.L, nor do they know all the teacher's names. I stand and support this action on behalf of school secretaries and caretakers across this country.

Iana, SNA

Public service pension for everyone

Marc, Forsa Member

The very best of luck to our school secretary and caretaker colleagues on the plight for parity with their teacher/SNA co-workers. It's disgraceful that this issue has been allowed to progress to this point and I genuinely hope that our fellow Forsa members achieve their goal.

David, Chairperson Dublin Care Services Branch

You all have been a long journey leading to you having to take industrial action to achieve equality in your work place. You all do an amazing job and all you are asking for is fairness and the work you do to be recognised like all the other professionals in the Education System.

It is daunting but what you are doing is for yourselves but also for future colleagues that come behind you. You are all brave and the courage you are showing is amazing as it's not an easy stance to take.

Your solidarity is amazing..and we will be joining you on the picket line...

Kindly

Dublin Care Services Branch

Shirley

Back bone to any school. Best of luck !!

Martin

So deserved !

Shane , Aftercare worker

I stand with and support the school secretaries and caretakers. Fairness and equality is a must.

Brian

I wish you the best in your strike action. I hope this brings about the changes that you deserve. You should have the same rights as your colleagues.

Sarahjane

In a current "woke" society where equality is at the forefront how are secretaries and caretakers not treated the exact same as their colleagues?! I wholeheartedly stand in solidarity with you all!

Alex, Executive Officer

Proud of you guys! Hold the line and win what you deserve. If only we were all as brave as you.

Karen, Sna

Sending support to our secretary and caretakers. If our schools didn't have ye.we wouldn't function

Elaine, Snr Audiological Scientist

Best of luck with the strike. You should have as much equal rights as your colleagues.

Judy , Sna

Yea deserve every respect and fair pensions, just like every other member of staff.

Louise

I fully support the caretaker and school secretaries in their strike action for parity

Simon, EO

I support you in seeking a fair deal on your pension entitlement.

Arlene, SNA

Wishing all my colleagues the best outcome, you deserve pension parity, we are all school staff, there should be no differences.

Mary

You all deserve this not only for the vital role you play in schools but the commitment you put in year after year.

Aoife, AP

Best of luck! Keep up the good fight for fairness across the public sector.

Ann, SNA

Supporting you all the way. Hoping the powers that be take note and you get what you should have been entitled to all along.

Tracey

Standing in full solidarity with school secretaries and caretakers. No worker should give decades of service and retire with nothing. Fair pay, fair pensions, fair treatment—nothing less will do.

Philomena , Clerical Officer

I'm shocked that school secretaries & caretakers are not treated the same as teachers. Without them the schools would not be able to function. I hope this strike will produce a successful outcome for them & they will finally get what they should have been entitled to all along.

Maurice , District Works Manager OPW

I strongly support the school secretaries and caretakers who are fighting for public pensions.

They should have a public service pension they are government employees and deserve to be treated properly they do a great job

Stella

Colleagues, I stand with you 100%.

Louise, Medical secretary

All the best we stand with you

Tina

As the wealth gap increases fairness should be everyone's priority! Best of luck with your action, what you're looking for is equality & that is always the proper stance. We see you!

[gavin](#)

Keep fighting for what is right

[Jackie , SNA](#)

Best of luck everyone ,stay strong .

[Lorraine , Administrator HSE](#)

Best of luck to school secretaries and caretakers in getting a fair contract from the Dept. The most deserving working cohort of school staff. Long overdue.

[niamh, Clerical Officer](#)

Thank you for helping my kids get through school. You are all doing a wonderful job and you have my full support in your fight for your well deserved rights. Best of luck!

[Karen, Staff officer](#)

For my friends who are in this job, good for you fighting for what is fair. We are all behind you.

[Brid, Senior Occupational Therapist CAMHS](#)

To all the school secretaries and caretakers -

Your work is absolutely essential to the safety, well-being, education and development of Ireland's young people. Without your important work, the education system would fall apart. In addition, in health and social care services, we are hugely appreciative of the role you play in facilitating communication and ensuring children get the support they need. You deserve the same conditions of employment as other school staff and I would like to wish you success with your industrial action.

Up the workers!

Brid

[Colin](#)

Fair treatment for all staff in education services!

[Shane, Social worker](#)

Wishing you all the best of support, it's long overdue getting your entitlements like the rest of public sector.

[Sinead](#)

We all know that school secretaries are the ones who run schools and without them everything would stop. You deserve recognition of the trojan work you do. I stand with you all

Breda, Staff Officer

All public sectors workers deserve to and should be treated equally.

Ann, SNA

Keep going, I hope you get the recognition you all deserve.

Siobhan , SNA

Wishing you all the best, if not working Thursday, I will support my local colleagues.

M

I am sending a message of support to all school secretaries who do such a wonderful job for our children and our country in helping our education system to work to a high standard. You are entitled to expect the same conditions as every other administration person in the public service and I stand with you in your strike action and wish you all the best.

Ursula , Clerical Officer DSP

Fairness for all primary school staff. Acknowledge that school secretaries and caretakers are providing a very valuable service like all civil servants.

ELIZABETH, SNA

You have my backing.

S, DSP

Go n-éirí libh 🙏

Jon, Chairperson Longford/Roscommon DSP Executive Grades Branch

You are stonger than you may think right now ! We have all now seen your inner strenth and we are stronger together in solidarity and you have the full support of the Longford/Roscommon DSP Executive Grades Branch !

Betty, School secretary

Keep strong everyone. Do this for us all and let's be. Parity for all.

Richard

Fair is fair; you should have same access ; otherwise you are being discriminated against

Carol O'Mahony, PSO Sligo Clerical Chairperson, Dept of Social Protection, College Road, Sligo

The very best of luck, at long last you are getting a chance to have your voices heard

Beth , Administrator

Long overdue - school secretaries and caretakers are the heart of any school and the school CANNOT run with out them. Give them their pension - they are vital public sector workers!

Sinead, SNA

All School Staff are important in the day to day running of schools and to the children who attend there. Each staff member is entitled to good pay and conditions. Remember you are doing a great job.

Emer

Best of luck with your strike. Everyone support you're secretary's and caretakers ,as they do so much for us.
I'm behind you.

Mary Ita

You are entitled to the same as colleague's and should share equal rights with those you work alongside.

As you take a stand on this, I wish you a positive result.

Eileen, Sna

For the amazing people they are and the wonderful job they do fair and equal treatment is the least that can be done for them. We would be lost without ours.

M

I am sending a message of support to all school caretakers who provide such a great service to our schools, keeping the environment safe and clean for our children and keeping the maintenance of our schools to a high standard. Our country's education system would not function properly without your hard work. You deserve the same conditions of employment as other public servants and I stand with you in your strike action and wish you all the best.

Frances , SNA

Best of luck for your upcoming strike may it be resolved as soon as possible and delighted your taking a stand against the department where you all get the entitlements that you should have always had. I will be out with our secretary and caretaker at lunch time best of luck...

Martha, SNA

We stand with you on this . You deserve it so much and more .

Jean, Chair of the Civil Service Division

TOGETHER you are strong
We are all behind you

Margaret , SNA

Justice for school secretaries and offer my support to them

Tony, Retired

Stand up for yourselves! We have your back. Striking is never nice, but it has to be done: asking nicely clearly hasn't delivered the goods, so now it's time to demand the respect you're owed. You'll be glad you did when you finally retire.

Every success to you!

Richard , Social Worker

Fight the good fight! We're behind you!!

Catherine, Social Worker

Well done to everyone out picketing and supporting on Thursday, keep up the good fight!

Valerie, SNA

Standing in support of all our school secretaries and caretakers for fair pensions for all school staff.

Avril

You deserve far better, YOU are better than this!

Patrick, Software Engineer

Fair pension is important and should be available for all staff not just selected ones.

Leo, Clerical Officer

This fight for parity with your work colleagues has been going on for too long, and it's a sad that it has come to this, having to go out on Industrial Action. I am in support of your action and lets hope those who have to listen to you do.

Liadh

All public service staff should have the same right to pension

Rhonda

We stand with you.
Solidarity

Simon, Captain

Fair play guys. Together you're stronger, keep the fight going to get the basic you deserve!

Simon

niamh , senior psychologist

Fair play to you all, for taking this very brave stance. It is not easy to go on strike but it is very necessary at this stage. You all do invaluable work and this must be reflected in your pay and conditions.
Stay united- Fair pensions for all school staff.

Joan, Organiser

THIS IS LONG OVERDUE AND I OFFER MY FULL SUPPORT. WE ALL STAND WITH YOU.

Mike, Social Care Worker

In solidarity with all school staff. Fair pensions for ALL.

Catriona

Stand strong and fight , its the only way change will happen for the better ☺

Adrienne

Hello All

I support you in your struggle for Fair pensions for all Staff & Good Luck for a successful Campaign, Secretaries & Caretakers.

Sincerely

Adrienne

Michael

You have right of your side, keep strong and a successful outcome will be achieved!

Tracy, SNA

Secretaries and caretakers all across Ireland play such a huge part in the running of schools, which will in no doubt be obvious when they strike. It is only right that they are treated with the same respect as all other school staff and are given the same support and security for the work they have done.

Joe, Customs

My mother was a School Secretary. Mary Mullaney. Creevy National School. Ballyshannon. Donegal. Shes retired now. Shes all for it. Good luck with the strike campaign.

Sean

I support the demand for pension parity

Noreen , SCA

Best of luck we'll done

Catherine, Executive Librarian

Standing with you.

Nora, Clerical support

Best of luck & a disgrace ye not included when SNA's are.

Fiona

I agree with your cause and wish you well. I hope you are successful.

Stacey

Proud of the people stepping up for their rights. A thankless role that keeps schools running as they should.

Marie, Civil Servant

I support this cause. All school staff should have equal rights to pension & the same benefits attributed to teaching staff etc. It's crazy to think they are not entitled to a pension.... Which in the long run is what the govt is aiming for everyone to have their own pension in the country, but they can't offer their own employees one. Seems like a huge contradiction!!!

Imelda

I support you

Leah, Teacher

Very important school members!

Dawn, SNA

100% back this action. We all work under same roof and should all be treated equally

Fergal, Civil service division

All of the membership across the Forsa divisions is behind you. Stand firm!

CONOR, Council worker

Wishing all school staff who are forsa members a successful out come with industrial action for pension parity solidarity to use all.

Karen , Team Leader

You have a right to be treated fairly and receive the same pension as everyone in the public sector, stand together we all support you.

David , Clerical Officer

As chairperson of a branch myself and my committee completely agree with this Industrial action.

Petrina , S.N.A

In my opinion secretaries and care takers keep the schools running. Secretaries especially are the first port of call for most visitors to the school. They do so much work, without them school wouldn't be able to function. Caretakers add so much value to schools, they keep schools safe, clean, a role model for children to look up to. Time for change, I hope the government listen and give you guys what your looking for. We're all the same.

Áine, SNA

Good luck with your campaign
#pension parity

Mary, Solidarity Message

All the best in your upcoming campaign, it is desperate to think that you are working in the school and have different rights. I support your fight to be included in the public service pensions scheme.

Tina, Clerical Officer

Good luck, you're doing the right thing

Cliona, SNA

Best of luck with your strike to attain fair pensions for all school staff!

Teresa

Best of luck with the strike. It's disgraceful this has not been sorted already it's obviously grossly unfair on you all. Fight the good fight and if you don't stand up for ourselves nobody will take care of you. The Government unfortunately have to be forced into action. People power!!

Valerie , SNA

The schools wouldn't function without the amazing secretaries and caretakers. They deserve to be treated like everyone else who work in a school setting. Stand strong

Julia, Information Services Manager, Decision Support Service

Dear colleagues, I wish to express my strong support for your strike as a fellow union member. It is an egregious injustice for anyone who works in education not to have a pension and not to be covered by the same provisions that other people in the very same industry rely on. The work you do is so important and supports education, arguably the most important sector. Without you, others couldn't do their job - how can we justify leaving people with no support in their retirement years? A pension is not a luxury, it is a basic and fundamental indication that we wish for our society to function with dignity. No one who has supported the essential work of educating our children should find themselves scraping by on dwindling savings, if they're lucky enough to have any, in the years when they should be enjoying a well-deserved retirement... A reward for a lifetime spent in service to others. It may be a lonely strike for many of you but don't ever think for a moment that you're alone.

Raymond, General operative

Stand strong and fight long, for far to long this nonsense is going on

Marie, Retired, Local Authority

After all these years, I can't believe that school secretaries and caretakers are still being treated like this. Best wishes and I hope it's all resolved properly very soon.

Amy

Go get what you's deserve. We stand together, as one!

siobham

best of luck on Thursday, hope you finally get a result after a long long battle.

David , SNA

Standing with the secretaries and caretakers 100% deserve to be paid properly and the same as are colleagues

Patrick, Social Care Leader

We stand with you in your fight for equality and right to a pension 🙌❤️🙌

Aideen , Special Needs Assistant

I stand with you all hoping for the best outcome for you

Eugene, Civil Servant

I support your struggle. You should not have to go on strike to get fairly treated. Best of luck and I wish you success

Aine, Project leader

I am 100 % behind you all stau strong and you will achieve your goal

Rhona, Educational Psychologist

Secretaries and caretakers are the heart and soul of schools. They deserve equal treatment to all other school staff (teachers and SNAs), specifically pension rights, pay justice, paid sick leave and bereavement leave.

Dermot, CO

Stand strong

Dary, Civil Servant

You deserve parity with all other workers. You are looking after future generations. Fairness for all.

Nicola, SNA

Disgraceful that school secretaries and caretakers are treated so badly and have to resort to striking to be treated with the dignity and respect they deserve. They provide vital services to the whole school community

Veronica , Senior Library Assistant

Delighted ye are taking a stance on protecting your rights and entitlements. Schools would fall apart without the secretaries and it's about time that ye are recognised properly.

Linda

The Irish school system cannot function without you. You deserve the state pension.

Mary, Admin education centre

Well done on taking this action. We are in exactly the same position as school secretaries .

Jennifer

Most people recognise that school secretaries & caretakers are the backbone of all schools, they're the ones who go the extra mile without being asked. It's only right that they should have the same pension & sick leave entitlements as their colleagues. It's a pity that it has to come to strike action to be heard, but fully support your fight & hoping you get a successful outcome

lauren

Stay strong, you deserve to be valued! With you all in spirit!

Marcela

Your work is so important and it's so unfair you don't receive the proper value for it and decent benefits. You have my support. Fight together and don't give up until you've reached the best outcome possible through negotiations (I trust Forsa knows what they're talking about, so if they advised us to accept something, no matter how disappointing it was, I just followed their advice. I still think what you'll end up getting is not enough, because education is one of the foundations of a society and should be valued like so, and we gotta be realistic, right? But don't give up)

Qusair, Social Care

They do deserve pensions like the rest of us.

Niamh, Senior Clinical Psychologist

Having experienced inequality in terms of salary pension etc as a section 39 funded worker as compared to colleagues doing the same job in HSE and section 38 workers I understand directly this injustice and support you. Hoping your fight for equality is not as long as ours has been and continues to be.

Rachel, SNA

Michelle...You are one in a million and we'd be lost without you. We will support you all the way.

Danijel

Your day has come!

Walter , SNA

To all the school secretaries and caretakers #PensionParity

William, retired

Hope that DPE come to their senses and settle this quickly. The best things in life are worth fighting for. Take care and that the weather is kind. Billy.

Bernadette

Thinking of you all on the picket line. Stay strong and keep fighting for fair treatment.

Lizzy, SNA

Our schools are nothing without the secretaries and caretaker who are the back bone. We stand with you all as you demand equal rights.

Terri, SNA

Well done on taking a stand. I admire you for doing it. Stay strong.

Therese, SNA

You deserve and have earned the recognition. The department needs to show you their respect. Wishing for a successful outcome

Joan, Sna

Support for pension parity for all school staff

Cathriona, SNA

We stand with ye in every way. RESPECT works both ways.

Denise

Stay at it.

David, Clerical Officer

This goverment does not care about ordinary workers. They gave themselves a pay rise during a cost of living crisis but refused to comment what they are gonna do to help us for the next budget. It is only through collective action such as what are you doing, will we get a better life for ourselves. Keep at it, they will break, because the government are cowards.

Brian, SNA

As an SNA I am fully behind your Stand for basic fairness and equality, its a disgrace that you have had to wait for this for ANY length of time. Be strong, Stand proud and know that all your colleagues are behind you and your community will be behind you. Stay the course. I will stand with my colleagues at every opportunity that I can. Good luck to you all, Justice will prevail.

john, clerical Officer Revenue

Best of luck to my sister secretary in Darver national School Dromiskin co louth and all the caretakers and secretary's accross the country your issue is well respected accross the wider union movement solidarity comrades

Jan, Clerical Officer

You're doing a brave thing and we all admire your courage. As someone with children, I know just how much a school depends on its secretarial and caretaking staff.

Tara, Local government clerical officer

All public sector workers must be treated as equals with equal benefits for all. PG, this strike will be short and sweet with equality being rewarded to all school team members

Emma

We support you.

Katherine

The work you do is invaluable. My kids have felt seen in school because of the secretaries. You deserve equal treatment to teachers and SNAs.

Vanessa, SNA

All staff deserve parity

Lisa, public service

equality of resources and opportunities for all!

Stevie, SNA

Solidarity to all the secretaries and caretakers. Pension parity now!

Tracey, EO Court Services

I am Shocked I assume school secretaries are already part of the public service pension scheme, especially since they work alongside teachers and SNAs who are covered.

Ciaran, Facilities, WCA

Wishing you every success in obtaining parity, you all deserve it!

Michaela, SNA

I fully support all the secretaries and caretakers in their strike action! Hoping for a good outcome, especially for our own secretary Susanna and caretaker Paul!
It's only what is well deserved and long overdue for important members of our school community

Eithne

We all stand behind you. You do a fabulous job. Schools would not function without you.

Emma

Solidarity with school secretaries and caretakers - you do invaluable work and should have access to retirement benefits!

Darina

Fully support your cause and hope it gets resolved soon.

Clare

Well done on standing up for yourselves. Its not easy when there is only one or two people in an organisation fighting for change. Best of luck with the campaign.

Eoin

Solidarity with you all. All the best in the fight to gain equal pay and rights alongside all members and others.

Helen, Retired civil Servant

Best of luck with the fight, it's so unfair you are public servants and deserve to be treated fairer

Brian , Administrative Officer

Best of luck with your campaign for pension parity and equal rights! It's shameful that the government has allowed this issue to go unresolved until now. Stay strong and resilient and know that you have the full support of your fellow Fórsa members. 🙌 🙌

Dara, Data operations manager

I fully support this strike and hope that there is an acceptable resolution in place as soon as possible.

Terri, SNA

I hope you achieve the goals of your strike.

Noreen

The very best of luck with your fight for fairness.

Fergus , Driving Tester RSA.

We stand with all Secretaries and caretakers on your strike action and hope you all get the result you deserve.

Lorraine, Civil servant

Supporting you all the way. You deserve the same entitlements as the rest of the public/civil sector

Stephen

Everyone deserves a decent pension especially when providing a key service to our kids and our .

Mary, SNA

Stay strong and strike for fairness

Roisin

Keep up the good fight

Trish, Social care Keyworker

Fair play to you for standing up against injustice. Not easy to do in such small numbers! I stand with you in your fight!

Kellie , Social Care Worker

I stand with you, the secretary's and care taker's are the backbone of our educational institutions. I am shocked that they are not entitled to a pension etc, This is an absolute injustice Good Luck and you deserve this to be immediately changed

Katie

Standing with you.

Micheal, Administrative Officer

Solidarity, folks. The workers of Ireland are with you.

Rose

Really appreciate your time and effort that goes into keeping school open for my child and all work going on behind the scenes
Thank you

LORRAINE

Fair is Fair, you all work hard and you shouldn't be discriminated against. Good luck

Caitriona, SNA

You have my full support Mary, The present system is a disgrace.

Patricia, Clerical Officer, Cork City Council

Fully support this action

Pauline , SNA

Behind you all the way in this campaign 😊 let's hope you get what you are entitled to and it will be short and sweet! Good luck

Margaret, SNA

I hope they receive the equality they deserve. They work hard and look after the whole school.

Theresa , SNA

Good luck and hopefully you will receive the same conditions as your colleagues sooner rather than later. Having witnessed on a daily basis the important work our secretary and caretaker undertake you truly deserve it.

Jordan

We stand with you all in the fight for equity!

Laura, SNA

I stand with pension for ALL school staff. Everyone has a role to pay and deserves the same recognition.

Deirdre, ASO, Pension Department

I absolutely support your actions. This inequality and inequity needs to end. You need to be in a position where you have parity with your counterparts in the ETB sector where they are pensionable. It is a basic right.

henry

wishing you all the best of success in the dispute and that you get your entitlements.

Edel

Keep going, as a mother of 3 I'm with you.

Peg, Retired civil servant

Inexcusable that school secretaries haven't the same pension rights as all other staff. They are an integral part to the smooth running of our education system

Nicola

Good luck, you deserve a pension and support

Daniel, Executive Officer

Was totally unaware of this situation. Shocking. You have my complete support and I will pass the word to my colleagues.

Stephen

Support you all 100% in asking for nothing more than those you work alongside receive. You are the oil in the machine & without which so much wouldn't happen. Stick together & see it through.

Megan

When I was in school, I found secretaries and caretakers to be the greatest supports to students, it's only fair they get the same treatment as teachers and SNAs. Best of luck to all involved in the strike and I hope the outcome is what you deserve!

Amanda, Assistant Staff Officer

You definitely should be entitled to public sector entitlements. You work just as hard as all your colleagues that are entitled to pensions and leave. I really hope you achieve your goal.

Niall, Former chair SEDEC

Wishing you all the best in this struggle.

Maria , S.n.a.

You all deserve to have what the teachers, snas, have. Fair play to you all for standing up for this. Best wishes to you all, and hopefully will be resolved soon.

Vicki

We back you 100%

Corinne , Forsa Galway HLG Branch,HWDEC and NEC

To all school secretaries and Caretakers across Ireland we congratulate you all on your strength and conviction to stand up for your rights.

We stand with you in Solidarity
Forsa Galway Branch

Laura, HEO Civil Service

We see you, we see your struggle, we see how you support the children and families you work with. Without you schools can't run properly and families don't know who to contact. School secretaries and caretakers are the glue for school communities. We stand with you and we'll fight with you.

Sandra, SNA

I stand with secretaries and caretakers. They should have the same benefits as us all!
I hope the Department see sense soon. Schools can't function without them!!

Ajay

Your fight is our fight — solidarity with school clerks!

Mary

We are all behind you !

philip, Senior Architect, Tullamore

I have visited nearly 200 schools as part of my senior Architect duty since 2022. Both Caretakers and Secretaries are amazing modest people. I see their superb skills and its a genuine privilege to meet everyone no matter or large or small the school. Be exquisite folks

Claire, Dietitian

You are the foundation of our schools and deserve to be recognised and paid accordingly (and get appropriate pension!) - completely support your action

Maeve

Best of luck with this action. I'm sorry you have been forced to do this, but I hope you will get the same working conditions as all public servants.

Crónan , Civil Servant

I agree totally with your decision to strike. In this day and age it's only right that you are treated with the respect you deserve.

Susan, school secretary

Keep up the fight, secretary in our sister school has all pension rights - why can't we have the same.

Aoife

Sending you all support as you fight for what is rightly yours!

Anne, SNA

Words fail as to why this strike was allowed to happen. Shame on this government. You are not asking for the impossible or for the earth.

Noel, Special Needs Assistant

I hope you get pay parity, that you deserve.

brian, Principal

I fully support the pension parity campaign. Hopefully it will be resolved before industrial action is required.

Patricia, Legal

Keep fighting

gerard, Grade V HSE

You have my full support on this issue.

Méabh , HEO

The vitally important work that school secretaries and caretakers do must be recognised. Nothing could happen in a school without their tireless work.

Lola, Project Manager

Solidarity with you all. Make some good noise! Pension parity NOW

Cllr, Cork City Councillor

Solidarity and strength with you on on this justified course of action

David

Schools cannot function without secretaries and caretakers!

Damien, San

Standing with you

Berni , SNA

Best of luck with your campaign. As an Sna and wife of a caretaker, I see everyday your value as part of the education system. This needs to be recognised by the dept.

Vivienne, Special needs assistant

I stand with you all ... I fully support the all secretary and caretaker.

joanne, Sna



Susan, Primary teacher

I'm with you 100%. You all absolutely deserve to be treated with respect, fairness and equality by having the same pension benefits as other comparable public sector workers. Your work is essential to the proper functioning of schools.

Mary, SNA

Our caretakers and secretaries are as valuable to the school than any other staff. Their contributions to the running of the school is vital. Let's give them what they deserve. It's not much to ask

Frances

Best wishes to all the school secretaries and caretakers!

David

Fair play!

Marine, Marine New Branch

Hi School Secretaries and Caretakers,
I am so sorry that you have to fight for T&Cs that are given automatically to other civil and public servants. Marine New Branch stands behind you, as fellow Forsa members and as parents. We are hoping for a speedy and good outcome to your industrial action.

Marine New Branch Secretary, Maebh McGuinness

Winifred, Teacher

What is the Departments concept of equal rights? All school staff should have access to a pension after their many years of dedicated work.

ivana, D7ETNS

Schools work because YOU do!!!!

Miriam , Sna

You have my full support in this strike action ! I'm just sorry it has come to this you as a collective should not have to fight for so basic employment rights. Best of luck we stand with you in this fight

Audrey, SNA

To Anne, Secretary at Powerstown Educate Together National School. I support you!!

Sharon, SNA

Standing behind all my colleagues. Stand firm stand strong.

Gordon, Teacher

I fully support our amazing school secretaries and caretakers in their strike for pension parity. We see how hard you work every single day, keeping our schools running and

welcoming for everyone. You deserve fairness, respect, and equal treatment — and we stand with you.

Amanda, Sna

I support all secretaries and care takers in schools but especially the two in my school are amazing secretary and care taker. They do a fantastic job.

Sharon, SNA

It is only fair and right that Secretaries receive pension rights in line with the amazing services they provide to schools. We would be lost without our Secretaries. Good luck for the strike.

Steve, SNA

Hi guys, we are 100% behind you. It is criminal that you don't have the same security and pension that we and the teachers have. Good luck and I hope the government listens to reason. Cheers, Steve SNA.

Maeve, SNA

Our schools would not run any way smoothly without our secretaries and caretakers. They are the heart of every school. The work they do is second to none and in my experiences they go above and beyond their role. I stand in solidarity with them. Its unjust they even need to go to this extreme to get what they should be entitled to! Let's hope the powers that be listen!!

Sabrina , SCP

Keep campaigning! You deserve to be treated correctly and receive your pension.

Ann Marie

Stand strong. This is well overdue & you have waited for a very long time to fight for what should be an automatic entitlement. It should not have developed to this stage & shame on our government for allowing this to progress to strike action. If you don't fight & follow the direction of FORSA, nothing will change. Your present conditions beggars belief.

Aine, Secretary

Stay strong, stand together YOU CAN DO IT!0

Karen , SNA

Good to you all. Hopefully this protest will have a positive outcome. Equal opportunities, rights, non-discrimination.

Fiona, Teacher

You are supported 100%, stay strong.

Veronica , Retired school secretary

Best of luck to you all! As a retired school secretary I understand how important this campaign is.

Fiona

Justice for all within the education sector. School secretaries keep everything behind the scenes running, stand up for justice. Keep strong ye are not on yer own.

Jacqueline, Killorglin ABE

Keep going to get what you deserve. As a parent and teacher, we are behind you 100%. This goes out especially to Scoil Mhuire Killorglin, Co. Kerry. Paudie and Fiona you are amazing, and the parents are behind you. You help make the school a welcome and wonderful place for all children.

Patrick

Ye are fully supported.

Martin

Best of luck with the strike - you guys more than deserve equitable treatment for the work you do in our schools.

Tina, SNA

Stay strong and keep fighting. We all support you and all appreciate the work you do..

Daragh, Software Engineer

School secretaries and caretakers are the backbone of every school in Ireland. There may only be a handful of you in each school but together you can stand strong and fight for the respect you deserve!

Karen, SNA

Stand strong and make it count we think you are all amazing and the department need to see you all as equal and not let all the school boards treat you so poorly

Raushan, SNA

Stay strong! Supporting you in your journey for a fair deal and equality!

Rebecca, Teacher

Every school across the country would be completely lost without our secretaries and caretakers who as it stands, could not do any more within their job. They deserve the same rights as all of us! Well done to all and best of luck on the 28th of August!

Tara

Best of luck. Hope everything works out.

Colm

Anything that involves a requirement for equity & justice is a cause worth supporting.

Pádraig

Ní neart le chur le chéile!

Fiona, Principal

Every staff member deserves equal rights

Martine , Principal

These fabulous people deserve their pensions and good working conditions in-line with all other public service members. Martine Doherty, Principal
Scoil Aodh Rua agus Nuala
Donegal Town

Francis, Security Officer

Stick to your guns School Secretaries and Caretakers, the public is on your side - not the government.
#pensionparity

Anna, SNA

I am 100% behind our Secretaries & Caretaker and will not be passing the picket line.

Susan, SNA

Well done on taking this extremely hard action! We are totally behind you!

Jess, Councillor

Solidarity to all of you! I stand with you all the way. Up the workers!

Annmarie, SNA

Congratulations and well done to all of you for standing up and letting them know you are all valued members of our school and you deserve the same as every other one of your colleagues. I'll be standing with you and supporting you through this campaign.

Padraig

Wishing you all well. You have been treated terribly.

laura, SNA

Fairness and equality for all 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

Delia, retired medical secretary

Justice for all school secretaries and caretakers

Maire, Teacher

Best of luck - I hope ye get all ye deserve!

Rhiannon , Secretary

You deserve more a lot more for all the work you do

Lauren, Teacher

We would be absolutely lost without you and are 100% with you!!

Ellen, Sna

Well done and keep going it be worth it

Maeve, Receptionist G3

The Best of luck

Sheila, SNA

I am in full support of secretaries and caretakers all over the country and especially our very own secretary Pauline Hopefully this strike won't last long and you get all your entitlements that you and everyone deserves

Behind you all the way **100**

Sheila

Katelyn

Sending my support and good wishes to all those going on strike later this week, my mammy included. Anyone who has been through the school system or has had a child go through the school system, knows how important the school secretary and caretaker are. I'd go so far as to say that in many cases the secretary is the face of the school - the one who liaises between teachers and parents. They are the glue that keeps the school running behind the scenes, as are the caretakers. The teachers know it, the parents know it and even the children can appreciate it. It's a pity those higher up do not.

Up the secretaries! Up the caretakers!

Rory, Porter

Good luck to all fighting for what you should already have shame on government and board of education .were treated like second class citizens we should unite strike

Joann , Special Needs Assistant

To all the hard working secretaries & caretakers, the heart of our schools, solidarity to you all for your fight for pension rights

Abbie, Teacher

To all of the secretaries and caretakers striking for your pension rights, you are the backbone of our schools and deserve the same same security and rights as any other worker which is long overdue! Thank you for everything that you do for our schools.

L, SNA sub

Behind ye all the way 🍀

Geraldine , SNA

We are all 100% behind you and will support you in every way we can x

Ursula, Teacher

I wish you all the best in your campaign for pension parity .

Ashling

Best of luck Noreen and to all school secretaries and caretakers who deserve the dignity, respect and right of a state pension.

Claire , Sna

You are not alone in this struggle

Anne, SNA

I full support the secretaries and caretakers in their demands for pension parity. It's only fair. We rely on them so much in school and it's disgraceful the way they have been ignored

Brigid, Sna

Secretaries in school work so hard and are the backbone of every school . They deserve pension rights .

Mary, Principal

Tralee Eduate Together is fully behind your industrial action.

Caroline

Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine!
Ag súil go mbainfidh sibh amach bhur gcuid - níl sé ach cóir agus ceart.

Brid, Sna

Terrible you have to be in this position at the start of the new school year. Hopefully sense will prevail and you will be treated with respect and this issue will be resolved. With you in spirit.

Seán , Shop assistant

I wish you th best in your struggles for a proper pension. It takes courage to do what you are doing, and you are helping not just yourself but all workers.

Louise, Ex School Secretary

Best of luck to all those out on strike! I know how hard you work for the schools. I had to leave a wonderful school because the low pay was not sustainable, it broke my heart.

You should receive the pay your deserve xx

Breda, SNA

Good luck to everyone on strike, your hard work deserves to be recognised by the government

John

Your picket line is our picket line.Solidarity to our brilliant secretaries and caretakers!

Ben, Primary School Teacher

Fully supportive of all the secretaries and caretakers around the country in your upcoming industrial action. We would be lost as a school community without you all, and we acknowledge everything you are looking to achieve. Looking forward to standing out with my own phenomenal friend and school secretary on some lunchbreaks. Maith sibh agus beir bua.

Niamh , Sna

I am supporting all school on this.

Catherine , Retired school secretary

This is your chance to show that you are serious about your pension. It is shameful and a disgrace that the dept are treating school secretaries who work so hard like this.

I wish you all the very best of luck.

I resigned in March 2023 due to hassle being incurred when I was certified sick. I was referred to outside health assessor so I just resigned. I had 10.5 yrs service.

Kind regards,

Catherine Cahill.

Caroline, Teaching Principal

Our amazing secretary is the absolute glue in our school and without out her we will flounder and not be able to do task that she does with such efficiency , skill , support and humour.

The Government should listen to what is only a basic right our secretaries across the country are looking for, they should get it without a strike. Our schools will not be able to function without our invaluable secretary. GRANT THEM THEIR BASIC RIGHTS, it's only fair and only proper

Breda, Administration

I support you 100%.

Fingers crossed that the Government will listen and do what is a basic right for the School Secretary and Caretaker.

I was a 1979/1980 School Secretary in my time.

Frankie, Teacher

Please know that I stand with you in your action today and support you. I value the tireless work you have provided in schools. You deserve the best outcome and a secure future!

Deirdre

Sending the support of Staff and BOM of St. Fergus' NS, Glin, to all who seek Pension Parity for all Staff in the 2025-2026 School Year!

Gina Marina , Miss

I support your actions I pray that God will bless you all and succeed in what you are demanding God bless 🙏

Teresa

We are behind you all 100%

Una, Special Needs Assistance

Best of luck to all secretaries and caretakers in our schools throughout the country. Shame on our government for not treating them like their fellow colleagues. I'm with you all the way

Angela, SNA

Best of luck with the campaign and ye deserve a pension and all the other benefits inline with other school Staff

Alice, Acting Deputy Principal

With you 100%
Unbelievable in this day and age that you are treated this way.
Fair for everyone!
Stand strong!
Best of the best!

Lesley

I support you and your right to a pension. Keep fighting the fight

James

Stay strong and keep focused on achieving a fair settlement.

Carmel, administration

You all my 100% support and hope others feels the same.

Caroline , SNA

You have my support in fighting for pension parity let's end the injustice of same workplace less rights for secretaries and caretakers!! You deserve equality with your colleagues!

Denise

It is a shame it had come to this but I am behind you all the way. The work undertaken by Caretakers, is varied and hard, and saves schools and the government thousands over an academic year. But because you work away behind the scenes going above and beyond for the school for the teachers, for the children without fuss or drama it is overlooked and expected. This is true for secretaries also. We need to show the children that adults have to stand up for themselves too. Sometimes adults need to say NO and stand up for themselves. Go for it!

Katy

Go n-éiri libh! Is sibhse croílár bhur scoileanna Agus Tá na hathruithe atá á lorg agaibh réasúnta & tuillte!

Sharon , SNA

100% support for fair pensions for all school staff!

Geraldine, SNA

Dear Andrea, Sara, Mary & Louise, (our wonderdul secreataries) & Brendan (our indispensable caretaker) I completely support ur actions concerning a fair wage- including the full rights the rest of us are accorded & a proper contract, good luck & best wishes to you, Geraldine D

James , Principal

Már laga Dia sibh

Clodagh

I really do hope the government will listen & make equality happen for our dear secretaries & caretakers that we cannot exist without. They are the backbone of our schools.

Yvette, Teacher

Scandalous in this day and age most hardworking ppl on staff not paid properly . Sort it .

Justyna

You have my full support. People do not realise how important your job is and you deserve the public service benefits

Caroline , SNA

Good luck to u all. Hope it's resolved soon for u. It is well deserved for your hard work and dedication

Oonagh

What can I do? Said 8 billion people!
Your voice matters, to us all.

Denise, Sna

We are behind you all 100%.

Patricia, Student Coordinator

You might be alone at the gate but you are not alone in your fight for equally with others doing the same job as you but with all the benefits.
Stand tall for your rights 🙌

Siobhan, Sna

Don't know why we were not balloted to support our secretaries & caretakers. Shame on Fórsa union for not going far enough to support our essential Co workers.

Deirdre , SNA

I stand united with all of you
Stand up for your rights till you get them

Clare , Teacher

Fairness and respect for all.

Niall

Well done to everyone going on strike. Its an absolute disgrace that you do not get the pensions and treatment ye deserve. Keep fighting the good fight. Up the workers!

Lesley , Civil servant

You deserve better conditions

Fiona, Teacher

Fair play to you all for campaigning and fighting for what you deserve. Best of luck to Noreen and all her colleagues.

Teresa, Principal

I fully support the school secretaries and caretaker . I hope this dispute gets resolved quickly.

Lucy

Staff should be treated fairly

Ger, SNA

Rene with you all the way . Pg you will get good results . I will see you Wed and the best of luck x

Mona, Sna

I support you 150% . You got this. You deserve this.

Patrick, HSE Waterford

Best of luck during this difficult period. Striking is never easy, but this is an important and worthy cause.

Monica, SNA

To let all secretaries and maintenance. I support you

Bernadette, Clerical Officer

Dear Colleagues

I support you on your strike action. I agree your entitled to a pension upon your retirement, also A/L, sick leave and your increments entitlements
Best Wishes

Paddy , Retired

I fully support the provision of pensions to school secretaries and caretakers

Fergal

I want to express my support and solidarity with the secretaries and caretakers who have been forced to take industrial action .

We all know that schools are a vital part of our communities. Without the care and effort of secretaries and care takers our schools would not function at all. They are vital and valuable and should be treated as such

Carmel , SNA

I support my secretary and caretaker

Ann

You deserve to be treated as equals in the school system. We are behind you all the way

Catherine, SNA

Giving you all my full support on this issue. It's not one bit fair that you are not recognised and supported like the rest of your work colleagues. The work you do in school is incredible and the school would not be able to run with you. You are all amazing people and so valuable to our community. Best of luck on Thursday

Mary, SNA

Best of luck in your campaign for equality of treatment in the public sector. I support you 100%. Better in a Trade Union!

Rosaleen, Mainstream teacher

I am in full support of our school secretary who works tirelessly. Her work needs to be recognised.

Frank, President, Communications Workers' Union

The CWU fully supports Fórsa's fight for pension parity and paid sick and bereavement leave for school secretaries and caretakers.

Corinne, Teacher

Best of luck with campaign to access pension

Michael J

As Public Service Workers, you are entitled to a state pension in line with all other Public Service Workers. Unfortunately, as School Secretaries and Caretakers, you are being forced to fight for it. But it is a just fight, and be assured that you have the full support the School Community, and the wider public. Hang in there, and you will win!

Fergus, Councillor

I fully support school secretaries and caretakers efforts to secure public service pension. It's shameful to see a vital pillar of our education system in 2025 totally discriminated and denied equal entitlements.

Edel, SNA

A school can't function without secretaries, caretakers, teachers and sna's so why treat some differently? Shame on our government

Lisa, SNA

I wish to send on my best wishes and support too all caretakers and secretaries who provide invaluable support too our schools..kind regards
Lisa Hanna

Lorraine, HEO

Folks,
Best of luck with this campaign. Hopefully you get all that you deserve.

Avril, Executive Officer, DCDE

I'm proud to be part of a union with school secretaries and caretakers and proud that ye are going to strike. Your work is indispensable. That needs to be recognised. Beir bua!!

Sheila, sna

solidarity to all our secretaries and care takers.

Paul, Retired Air Traffic Controller

SOLIDARNÖSC :)

Pamela, SNA

Behind you all the way

Denise, Teacher

it is shocking that 'most school secretaries are directly employed by the government yet denied a pension. Caretakers are also fighting for pensions alongside pay justice as well.' They deserve better for all the hard work they do.

Joanne, Civil Servant

It goes without saying that the backbone of the school should be treated the same as her colleagues in terms of working/retirement conditions.

Cathy, Childcare teacher

Always fight for what you are rightfully entitled to

Caron , SNA

100% support 🤝 fair pensions for all school staff.

Tommy, Postman & County Councillor

Brothers & Sisters,

You've held our schools together for decades and now it's high time this Government acknowledged that work! All school workers must be treated equally. Fair wage, equal conditions & pensions and dignity, security, and respect.

Solidarity always,

Tommy Guilfoyle Postman & County Councillor

Claire, Sna

Equal rights for all. Secretaries & Caretakers are an integral part of our schools' systems & deserve equality.

Claire , Retired

Stay strong, and united you all are more than entitled to a pension. From an ex union official with siptu. We had to fight long and hard for recognition. Now the wards can't operate with them.

Deborah

Keep - fighting injustice is injustice and everyone is entitled to fairness in their work!

Claire, Sna

Best of luck with it & hope ye get all ye want & well deserve

Ciara, SNA

Sending very best wishes to all. You can do this! Well done on standing up for your rights!

Sile, Primary school teacher

Schools would not survive without them. Secretaries and caretakers deserve to be treated fairly and the least they should expect is a decent pension after all their valuable work.

Catalin, Policy Analyst (AO Grade)

Schools without you would be as dysfunctional as schools without teachers. You are providing a public service, so you are only asking for what you should rightfully have. Don't give in!

Aoife , SNA

Our school secretary is amazing. She is the backbone of our school and we would be lost without her. I am fully behind her strike and hope she receives the pension she fully deserves.

Michele

Stand together, stay strong.

Kerry

You all do an amazing job and deserve the same rights as teachers....Keep up the fight!

Deirdre, Teacher

It is about time the government realised the importance of our colleagues. Secretaries and caretakers. The work they do is essential to the operations of school. How can we be where we are in this day and age where they are so undervalued. We can do better.

Eimear, Primary teacher

Secretaries and caretakers are the back bone of our schools! They deserve a pension! We are terrified of this strike extending as they are indispensable to their school communities! They have my full support!!!

Karen, SNA

Stay strong your not alone

Barbara, SNA

It's long overdue that secretaries and caretakers get proper recognition for all their very hard work throughout the years... fair pay and pension rights should be given as a matter of right.

Carmel

Stay strong - ye deserve to be treated the same as everyone else and be entitled to the same leave etc as others working in the education sector

Helena

We all support you and are 100% behind you all. Good luck.

Siobhán, Special needs assistant

Best of luck to all the secretaries and caretakers who have been put in this incredibly difficult situation by the department of education. You have my full support. Stand proud and stay strong. Forsa will be there with you.

Kara, Special Needs Assistant

Let's give our hard working secretaries and caretakers what they're entitled to....without them our schools simply wouldn't function.

Patrick, EO Public Sector

To all School Secretaries and Caretakers,

You guys do amazing work and as a parent of both primary and secondary students, I am sure most parents and teachers are 100% behind you in your strike action!

To Victory!

Mary, SNA

Behind you all the way !

Clodagh , SNA

Good luck guys, you deserve to win

Maeve , Medical secretary

Can't understand why this hadn't been fixed years ago. The most hardworking people in the schools!!!

Conor

Total admiration for the work you do and fully support your commitment to achieving fair working conditions.

Susan

Equal rights for equal work.

If you are employed as a public servant, you deserve the same benefits as other public servants. Fair play to you for fighting, because it isn't easy.

Shona

Standing in solidarity with school secretaries and caretakers who are the heartbeat of our school communities, you deserve equitable conditions to those of your school colleagues

P, Engineer

Long overdue. Best of luck with the action. You'll get plenty of support

Ann, SNA

I fully support you all. You deserve to get a pension like everyone else. Keep smiling and keep your chin up. We are all behind you all.

Doireann, Teacher

Sending support to all those striking this week. You provide an essential service to our schools, and we simply couldn't function without all the work you do. You perform an essential public service, and you should have the same rights and privileges afforded to other public servants. Thank you for all you do, especially Mary, Martina, and Eamonn in Scoil na Mainistreach Celbridge. We are all behind you!

Sincerely,
Doireann Ni Neill

Aine, Retired

You deserve a fair deal. Best of luck

Ursula , sna

Just want to pass on my support for the Secretaries and Care takers... I really hope that the government listen and give them what they rightly deserve...

sarah, SNA

In solidarity with our amazing Secretary and Caretaker , we stand with you in this important right to equality and inclusion.

Louise, ESG Manager

Not an easy thing to do but I hope you get the result you you're all hoping for and deserve.

Ciarán , Engineer

You are being treated unfairly, your cause is just. Equal treatment for all is the basis of our society.

Beir bua is beannacht.

Tracy

There would be no schools open without their secretary and caretaker. Ye deserve a pension same as the teachers. Best of luck with the strike.

Martina

Best of luck! Keep fighting for what you are entitled to! We are all behind you! Fair is fair!

Catherine, Probation Officer

Supporting you all for what is rightfully your entitlement - pensions and equal rights. Stay Strong!

Marie, Teacher

You deserve far better working in our schools. You do so much for all our school communities x

Andrew, Special Needs Assistant

I stand fully behind the 2,800 school secretaries and caretakers who have been forced into strike action for basic pension rights and respect, which should be automatically theirs in this day and age. Our schools cannot function without their enormous hardwork, knowledge and dedication. What they are asking for in return is little, but a lot to those denied it. Particular support to our own secretaries Bridie and Catherine and caretaker Billy who give Bunscoil na Toirbhirte their all!

Marta, Clerical Officer

It is absolutely unacceptable that staff supporting one of the most challenging national public services does not receive a public service pension. Fight for your rights unwaveringly! Secure your future. We are with you.

Gill

Stay strong, we are all behind you supporting you!

Anne, S.N.A

The very best of luck on Thursday August 28th
I truly hope you get what you are entitled to
Anne Lynch

Betty , SNA

All of our school staff are totally behind our secretaries & caretakers in getting their pensions like any other civil servant. They are the people who holds the schools together.

Aoife , SNA

Secretaries are one of the most cherished members of our schools. We need to support them, we can not do this job without them.

Richie

Hold firm guys, be treated fairly

Joan, SNA

Fair pensions for all school staff.

Labhrás, Teacher

Stay strong and united. Schools would cease to function without the valuable work you do. You are entitled to your respective pay increases.

Mags , Teacher

No government working is working in these conditions why should they

Aindí, Príomhoide

Go n-éirí libh le bhur stailc! Tacaíom libh 100%. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Laura , SNA

I stand with our secretaries and caretakers in their quest for pension parity

Deirdre, SNA

Keep fighting for equal parity as the rest of us

Aoife, Teacher

Pensions for all school staff

Joan, SNA

Let's hope the Government does something about this soon schools really depend on caretakers and secretaries

Karen, Ex secretary

Hold your head(s) up. This is long overdue parity of respect for your work that you are seeking. I know how much you do. How much technology and the number of

interactions during a day. A multiplicity of tasks. Look to a win and smile.
Karen

Mary

Fully behind all school staff being entitled to pensions.

Garrett, Teacher

Don't stop striking until you get fair treatment!

Dearbhla , SNA

Secretaries and caretakers deserve to be treated far better than how they're being treated by the government, they are the backbones of our school and do amazing work.

Rosemary , SNA

Wish you the best in your fight for justice

Úna

Your hard work and dedication is inspirational!! Solidarity!

Lourdes, Sna

Hopefully you will get your pension parity very soon. You all deserve it.

Rosanna

I support you.

Teresa Ann , SNA

Hope everything goes well and you all get everything you so rightly deserve.
Thank you for the work you do for us all - Full support !

Teresa

Keep going

Brigid

The very best of luck and keep going 🍊 it's only what you deserve

Majella, SNA

I support both secretaries and caretakers in their actions.

Louise

You all have my support. Schools couldn't function without you.

Margaret , SNA

All members to be treated equally, supporting ye all the way .

Siobhain , Special Needs Assistant

Solidarity to all, I hope you get the result you deserve 🙏

Fionnuala, Teacher

Fairness for all!!

Kathy, Pensioner

You have to do it is so unfair. Good luck, be brave 🙌❤️

Sinéad, Teacher

Best of luck with the campaign. We stand beside ye to receive what is truly deserved

Pat, Branch Chair

Wishing you all every success in your dispute

Yours in Solidarity

Pat Fallon
Sligo Health & Local Government

Helena

It is horrible to think you all have to take action in strikes.
Hopefully you all will be listened to. Everyone has rights and they should be noted in action taken for ye. Best of luck.
Helena kirwan
Kilsheelan.

Dara, Secondary school teacher

We stand in full support of our amazing SNA as she goes on strike next week. Every day, she brings care, patience, and dedication to our school, ensuring every child feels included and supported. Her work makes an incredible difference, and we are grateful for all she does.

Ciara, Teacher

Hang on in their guys
you should not have to fight for this, it should be an automatic entitlement

Pauline, SNA

Our schools need you, you do so much for us all, the government needs to listen. We all stand with you.

Peter, SNA

Right behind ye and if the call comes for all forsa members to go out I'll be there

Edel, System Admin Manager HSE

School secretaries and caretakers help keep our schools running every day, yet they are denied the pension rights given to their colleagues in the Department of Education and wider public service. I support their strike on Thursday, the Government need to take action and put an end to pension inequality now.

Maura , Clerical Officer

Wishing you every success in your endeavor.
You deserve better!!

Feargal, School Principal

Keep up the good fight

Helen , Retired

The job ye do is important to schools and the pension should reflect that. Pension Parity for all.

Tom, Teacher

Stick it to the Man.

Kate, Housewife

Best of luck . What a shame you have to resort to such measures.Hopefully the Dept will sit up and listen. You are an integral and underappreciated member of your school.

John, Chairperson Sligo-Leitrim-South Donegal Labour Party

The members of Sligo-Leitrim-South Donegal Labour Party stand in full solidarity with school Secretaries and Caretakers in their fight for justice

Edward , Retired

It won't be easy but if you keep the faith and remain firm you can win and make a big difference for all pensioners

Anne, HSE Dental Hygienist

Best of luck to all the school secretaries and caretakers. For shame on the government that you have to fight for public service pensions. A school couldn't function without the teachers secretaries and caretakers working together. The government needs to get a reality check on this issue and treat all school staff equally and respectfully. That means pensions for all employed in the schools. I really hope this is sorted before Thursday 28th August.

Dawn, Primary teacher

I stand with our Secretaries and caretakers. Allow them access to pensions NOW!

William

Solidarity and hope you get what you are looking for. Keep strong and united and you'll win

Mark, School principal

I don't think DE appreciate the workload, commitment and dedication secretaries and caretaker have to keeping our underfunded and over regulated open and functioning. They're pay and conditions have not matched their job descriptions for a long time.

Maureen, Secretary

We forget sometimes the work that is done by School Secretaries and Caretakers and this should be recognized and taken into account..A stand has to be made to get it out there! Fair for All

Bernie

A totally support the school secretaries who are the back none of most schools. Sad it has come to this, government need to address this asap ye are too important

Olivia

Absolutely hats off to you all! It would be amazing if it could be organised for every parent/child not to pass the picket. Please don't give up, don't let this government silence you!

Maria

I support secretaries and care takers. They deserve a pension and work hard enough to receive one

Noeline , Sna

Best wishes to you all. I hope you get all that you are fighting for. It is only fair you get the same rights as everyone else.

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Lisa, SNA

The best of luck Catrine and Noel . Hope it all works out .

David

You deserve a proper pension as much as any other pu lic servant. Stay strong.

Bernadette , Special Needs Assistant

Let's hope the government quickly see sense and resolve this strike in favour of all school secretaries and caretakers. There should be no question that all school staff should be entitled to a pension. You have my full support!

Arlene, SNA

Without doubt the faces, heart and soul of each school are the hard working Secretaries and Caretakers.

Jackie, SNA

Standing beside you as you take strike action....
Schools would not run smoothly without you all...
Stay strong and united....

You have my full support.

Mary , SNA

You deserve better.

Christine , Social Worker

We are behind you

Nuala, Councillor

Dear secretarial and caretaking staff. I want to wish you the best of luck with your strike action. If you want some picket support on the day please feel free to let me know. Solidarity with you all. Your work in the school is invaluable and I will continue to seek proper pension entitlements on your behalf.

James, Teacher

Pension parity for all school staff!

Pamela, SNA

Equality for all

Mary , Primary teacher

Supporting you as you are vital to our schools and you deserve better work conditions.

Jan, Principal

We support strike action to show our colleagues that they are valued by the schools, if not the Dept Education.

Martina , SNA

You deserve equality just like everyone else in this sector.

Elaine, SNA

Shouldn't come to this but needs must, you deserve more! Good luck!!

Edel, Special Needs Assistant

We stand in solidarity with our secretaries.

Jack, Chairperson Scoil Cholmcille Blarney St Cork

As a former Principal and current school Chairperson, I know first hand the crucial roles the secretary and the caretaker carry out in schools. Time for Govt to step up and recognize this by granting full parity immediately with the other staff in schools. The day of treating them as second class citizens in schools is long gone. 100% with this campaign as is every principal and school leader I know .

Michelle

I fully support the right of school secretaries and school caretakers to receive a public service pension given that they involved in the provision of very important public services. I also support the fight to get pay justice for all school caretakers.

Laura, SNA

Supporting 100%

Ivana, TD

Solidarity with all the school secretaries and caretakers seeking decency at work!

Clodagh, SNA

Everyone deserves to be equal

Ruth

Pension and all supports for school secretary and caretakers.
They work hard and deserve it.
Equal rights for all.

Laura, SNA

standing behind you all the way

Mary, SNA

You deserve better!!!

Kiara , Teacher

Supporting all the people who run our schools

David

To the School Secretaries and Caretakers,

As the father of a five-year-old who is due to start his very first day of school this Thursday, I want to express both my concern and my full support for your strike.

I am 100% behind you and urge you not to back down until this dispute is resolved to your satisfaction. My child will not be passing your picket line on Thursday—or on any day while this action continues.

The responsibility for this disruption lies entirely with the Minister and the Government. Parents know exactly where to point the finger.

Equality and fairness are lessons every child must learn, and I can think of no better way to begin my son's education than by standing at the school gates with him, explaining why he is missing his first day of school, and who is responsible. I hope other parents across the country will do the same.

Stand strong, stay united, and you will win.

Solidarity,

Dave Gibney

Charlotte

All staff are invaluable for their professionalism in the running of our schools for our children and should be recognised as such.
Pay them their dues!

Marie, Retired school secretary

Wishing all secretaries and caretakers the very best in your fight for pension parity and equal status with your work colleagues

Sylvia , SNA

We're fully behind you and believe that you are essential to the day to day running of our school. Your commitment and hard work ensures the whole school runs smoothly. We would be lost without you.

Lisa, Sna

Without the secretary's and the caretakers the schools could not open. They are a vital role for the whole education system and deserve the same respect

Ellen

You deserve this and more! You do great work. Best of luck 🍀

Christina , Sna

I totally backed the sectarys and caretakers they deserve the treatment as us all the workl so hard and schools won't not run without them

Aude

Best of luck with this action. You deserve the same as teachers!

Susan, Social care worker

Standing with you all in solidarity to support your fight for fair and equal treatment like the rest of your colleagues in the public sector. Its your right and entitlement and I know this action is not taken lightly.

AOIBHEANN, Principal

I hope secretaries and caretakers get the terms and conditions they so justly deserve as core workers of primary schools throughout the country.

Ursula, SNA

Hi All,

My partner is a Caretaker and a friend is a Secretary. You are all part of the school community, we all work together and do our best for the schools & students so you

deserve to have the same pension and leave rights as us SNAs. Sending you best wishes and all my support for a speedy & appropriate resolution 🙏

Patricia

I support school secretaries and caretakers in their fight for public service pensions and the right to sick pay. These people are a very important part of our school community and should receive these basic entitlements.

Manus, Retired teacher

As a teacher for 36 years at second level I was always, and continue to be, in awe of the wonderful service school caretakers and secretaries have given to the school communities where I have worked. That they continue to be discriminated against vis a vis teachers, SNA's and others in their workplace is a scandal and a shame on this and successive governments. It is high time that this long-standing wrong be righted and I commend these valuable workers and their Union on the action they are taking this week. I would urge teacher unions and members of the general public to support this action and show solidarity in whatever way you can.

Noreen, Retired School Secretary

You all have my full support. This attitude by the Department of Education and Government should have been sorted many moons ago. Schools cannot and would never survive without the two most important people Secretaries and Caretakers. You all deserve to be supported. Take Care.

Jennifer, Teacher

It is so important that you stand up for your rights and we are all supporting you in fighting to get access to a state pension.

Linda, Research Coordinator

This is a no brainer. Pension parity should be a given.

Amy, SNA

With ye every are of the way 🙏

Dianne, SNA

Just want to let you know that I am totally behind you in your fight for equality

Eileen, SNA

Going on strike is not an easy thing to do but know that as your colleagues and fellow Forsa members you have our full support and backing. Hopefully a deal can be reached sooner rather than later and you can all get back to work.. good luck!

Maura

Secretaries are the back and front bone of school why shouldn't they have pensions ... Well done to all 100% backing ye

John

What you are looking for is basic fairness. Stay Strong.

Claire, Principal

We support you all in your strike action to receive pension parity, what you all deserve. Well done for working together to make everyone wake up to inequalities in our workplaces!

Peter, Primary Teacher

Well done taking action on this. There should be fairness for all school staff. You are vital to the running of our schools.

Eva

I support this industrial action. Secretaries and caretakers should have a right to a pension like all other civil servants.

John, PEHO

I fully support your action and wish you the best of luck. I was surprised to find out the situation is as it is.

Renee, SNA

You deserve better.
I support you 100% and I hope you are successful in achieving the entitlements that should already be rightfully yours.

Ronan, Social Work Team Leader

It shouldn't have come to this. Yet another example of a public sector employer taking advantage of the hard work and dedication of its workers. I support your endeavours and keep the faith.

Theresa, Retired College administrator

Huge support for the School Secretaries and Caretakers. You are the backbone to the education system. You deserve parity with your peers in the ETBs. You deserve your rights. Best of luck with this strike. We all know it's the last resort.

Barbara

Be strong in the knowledge that there are many people behind you and that standing up for what's right is never wrong, no matter how lonely that can seem to be.

Suzanne, Sna

I believe as a first member we should be on strike to support our colleagues. Its very unfair they are on their own outside the gates

Johnny, Former Assistant General Secretary

Best wishes to you all in this long struggle for fairness and equality. Unity is Strength stay strong and you will succeed.

Best wishes
Johnny Fox

Bex, Bowen therapist

Stand strong everyone and be heard!!! You deserve the same rights, holiday pay, leave etc!!! I stand with you!!!! 🤝 🤝 🤝 🤝 🤝 🤝 🤝 🤝

Nuala

I am behind you 100%

Rory, Primary School Teacher

100% behind ye all!!! Fair pensions for all school staff!!! Keep up the great work!!

Helen , SNA

Let's hope your message is heard and the government acts accordingly. We SNAs support you all the way

Therese, Chairperson of CWETNS

Canal Way fully supports your entitlement to the same conditions of employment as others in the Public Service.

Zoe, Special Ed teacher

Our secretary is a major backbone of our day to day running of school.

Colm, Cathaoirleach

Tá sé toilte agaimh

Conor, SNA

Its time we had fairness and equality in Education. Up the Secretaries Up the Caretakers.

Naoise

Through this strike, you are taking vital action not only for the current secretaries and caretakers, but also for all the future people who will hold those key roles in schools across Ireland. Thank you for working so tirelessly in your campaign, it sets an important example and precedent which will no doubt have positive impact across the education sector and beyond!! Proud of and power to you!

Michael

Hold the line, do not falter.

Dympna, SNA

We stand in full solidarity with the school secretaries and caretakers of Forsa in their strike action. These workers are the backbone of our schools — keeping them safe, organized, and welcoming for students, staff, and families. Yet for far too long, they have been undervalued, underpaid, and denied the fair pensions and wages they deserve.

Their fight is not just about pay. It is about dignity, respect, and recognition for the vital

role they play in education. Without secretaries and caretakers, schools cannot function. The Department of Education must listen, acknowledge their contribution, and commit to providing fair contracts, secure pensions, and wages that reflect the essential work they do.

To the secretaries and caretakers: your courage in standing together inspires us all. We support your struggle, we amplify your voices, and we call on the wider community to join in solidarity until justice is won.

Fair pensions, fair pay, respect for all.

Ray

Best wishes in your campaign for recognition, fairness and equity.

Cian, Administrative Officer

Without secretaries and caretakers, our schools simply will not operate. They are on the front line of ensuring all students have access to the quality education they are entitled to. This often thankless service they provide deserves to be recognised with pension parity.

Tara, Teacher

Go n-éirí libh!

Greg, SNA

No school can run without you guys, the heart and soul of any school, you have my full support and hopefully you get what you should have been getting years ago.. Greg

Alan, President Catholic Secondary Schools Parents Associay

As Catholic parents we fully support your JUST and legitimate demands for EQUALITY and cannot understand why you are discriminated against when compared with ETBI support staff.

Yvonne, SNA

I fully support all the secretaries who will strike

Mags

As a former Primary School teacher, I just wanted to let you all know that I fully support your efforts to get public service pensions. In every single school in which I've taught, it's obvious on a daily basis that the school couldn't function at all without you. You deserve proper recognition, and you deserve a pension that reflects your worth. Best of Luck!

Ellie, SNA

I'm standing by you.

Tanya , Substitute primary teacher

Stick to your goals. You deserve a fair pension.

Theresa

Don't back down, our so called government giving themselves raises which are implemented immediately, and as usual the ordinary joe soap has to strike to get their God given right to a pension

Angela, SNA

I hope you get everything you are looking for because without you all Schools be lost

Patsy, Teacher

Rita Kavanagh Berrings National School .

Wishing you the very best Its a pity it has come to this You are valued and should be entitled to pensions like all of us.

Jean , SNA

One of the hardest working women in the school. Please give her what she deserves immediately and stop making these staff beg for what they deserve. It's not on!!!

Eithne, Psychologist

Everyone needs a pension...you cant have some staff getting one alongside staff who will not get one

Elizabeth , School warden

Keep up the campaign

Anne, SNA

Will be supporting you all in this campaign. Ye deserve to be treated justly and fairly like all other staff..It has to be sorted this time..

Brendan, Retired Secondary School Teacher - Galway

I FULLY SUPPORT Fórsa members - School Secretaries, School Bursars and School Caretakers in their campaign for long overdue pension parity. I cannot believe that these, my former colleagues are denied access to public service pensions. Schools cannot function without these valued members- and yet they are they are the ONLY employees in any school denied a public service pension. I wish you all great success in your endeavours and hope that you all receive what is just and right - a public service pension.

Sharon , SNA

I will be supporting our school secretary and caretaker who are very important staff members in our school .

Samantha, Mainstream Class Teacher

We would be lost without our secretary. She is one in a million and works endlessly to keep everything running smoothly.

Philip , Driving Tester

I'd like to send my wife Lorraine a message of support in this strike action and wishing all the school secretaries and care takers the best of luck in their fight for Pension Parity.

Belinda, Principal

We strongly support our secretary and caretaker's right to pension parity. They are invaluable members of our school team and essential to the running of our schools.

Shirley, Recently retired

My sister is a school secretary, and I would like to see her being properly supported.

Claire, Teacher

Best of luck this week!

Janet

Hoping your campaign is successful. Long overdue

Joan, Admin in golf club

Sending you all support for this difficult time. It's terrible you have to strike for the rights you so deserve. You are a very important cog in the education wheel. As a mum the school would be lost without you. I'd say society doesn't know half the work you do to keep everything running smoothly. I'm with you all the way .

Dave , Clerical officer

Here's hoping that you get the parity that you deserve.

Maria , Special needs assistant

I stand firmly with the secretaries and caretakers as they take industrial action .They are the backbone of all the schools and deserve the recognition and the same entitlements as other school staff

ANTOINETTE, Accounting Technician

Relied upon staff should have a reliable pension on retirement

Hazel

I support fair pensions for all staff!!

Catherine

To our valued colleagues,

I stand with you in full solidarity as you take a courageous stand for Pension Parity for All School Staff. Your commitment to fairness, dignity, and equality in retirement provisions reflects the very values we uphold in education — respect, inclusion, and justice.

Every member of our school community, regardless of role, deserves a secure and

equitable future. The work you do is essential, and your voices matter. This strike is not just about pensions — it's about recognition, respect, and the right to retire with peace of mind.

Know that your efforts are seen, heard, and deeply appreciated. Together, we can build a system that honours the contributions of all school staff equally.

In solidarity and support,
Catherine

Marguerite , Teacher

Standing with you

Deirdre , Secretary

I fully support the strike

Aaron, Teacher

Solidarity with the Fórsa secretaries and caretakers taking strike action this Thursday. Your work is vital to our schools and communities, and you deserve fair pay and respect. Standing with you in your fight for justice.

Caroline, Civil Servant

I wish you all the best and hope you get the pensions and sickness cover to which you are absolutely entitled

Cllr Eoghan, Local Cllr

Best wishes to all embarking on the strike. We are behind you and you're doing the right thing.

Eoghan Fahy

Catherina , SNA

Best Wishes to all the Secretaries and Caretakers that are on strike on Thursday onwards. I hope ye get the results ye deserve.

Deirdre , Teacher

Hey guys, the backbone of our schools wishing you all the best. We support you all the way without u schools will not function. Xx

Josephine, Retired

Best of luck to everyone on Thursday and here's hoping you won't be on the picket line too long.

Marie, SNA

EQUALITY FOR ALL!

Seán, Deputy Principal

Indispensable staff . My 100% support for your campaign.

Margaret , Retired school secretary

Stay strong. You can nearly see the finishing line. The length of time it has taken to relinquish the power from Boards of Management has only served to make you stronger. If uninformed people think your job is just answering the phone that's a big misapprehension. I'm behind you all 100%. It's now or never.

mary

I cannot understand why this issue has not been resolved. of course school secretaries are Public Servants and they should be treated equally. I wish you success with your campaign

Rhona, SNA

School secretaries and caretakers are vital people in all schools. All schools would not run efficiently without them. They do more work for schools that I am sure is out of their role all to help the schools very better. Keep fighting for this as you deserve it and more for sure..

Deirdre , SNA

We are all supporting you. Stand up for what is right.

Anna

Best of luck! You've got this!

Helena , Sna

I really hope the department listen and agree to pensions for school secretaries and caretakers. It is only right they are treated the same as everyone else. Schools could not function without secretaries or caretakers. They are as essential to the running of the schools as are teachers and sna's

Roy, Wildlife Inspector Grade II (Assistant Principal equivalent)

Colleagues, and Union comrades,
As a parent, my family benefitted enormously from the tireless work carried out by school secretaries and caretakers. Now, as grandparents, we see our children, and their children, also benefit from your dedication to your work. Yet, throughout all our years of parenthood, and 14 years as grandparents, while I have advanced in my career and entitlements, the hardworking School secretaries and Caretakers have not. So, for those reasons, and as a lifelong Trade Union member and activist, and a FORSA member, you have my full support in your industrial action, and I wish every success in your action.
Yours in solidarity, Roy Thompson

Maria, Sna

It is an absolute disgrace that this practice is continuing, when it is so obviously unfair and discriminates against our valued staff members, without whom, many schools would not be able to function properly. I stand with you!!!

Christine

This is a terrible injustice. Ye have my full support

Maeve, SNA

To all secretaries and caretakers please know that you are fully supported in your action. Without you the school could not function. You deserve full recognition and equal entitlements.

Clíona, Principal

Fair pensions are an absolute must for the secretaries and caretakers who are the backbone of our schools.

To Breda, Louise and Shay in Scoil Mhuire, and to secretaries and caretakers everywhere, beir bua!

Catherine , Teacher

Secretaries are the backbone and front of every school . They are not looking for extra . They are looking for justice and equality . Please listen to them!!

Amy

We are behind you to get your legal rights

Jen, HR Staff Officer

Absolute solidarity with you all. You deserve so much better!

MARY

Go girl Leoncha

Mick, Retired

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Gill, IT

Full support for some of the hardest working people.

Karen

All school staff are entitled to be treated equally. All staff deserve equal pension rights. We stand united, equal pensions for all school staff now.

Karen, CO

I stand with you. Caretakers and school secretaries provide an invaluable service, it's disgusting that you do not share equal benefits and rights with your fellow public/civil service workers. You are doing the right thing, fight for what you deserve

Patrick, Retired Prosthetist

I am fully committed to your cause

Katherine , SNA

I am behind you all the way. Stand strong for what you believe in.

Margaret , Retired School Secretary

Fight for what is rightfully yours girls - keep up the battle til justice & fairness is afforded to all School Secretaries.

Muireann, Teacher

I stand in solidarity in your fight to get the fairness you deserve. The very best of luck to you all.

Mary

Treat all staff fairly for service worked

Owen, Surveying Manager

Ordnance Survey Professional Branch of FÓRSA wholeheartedly supports the campaign for Pension Parity for All School Staff.

Wayne, Public servant

Support to all the Secretaries and caretakers who are heading out on strike. From all your fellow trade union colleagues in the National Gallery of Ireland.

Catriona, SNA

The very best of luck with the strike. You all do so much for our schools and deserve so much more than what you are getting at the minute .Best of luck

IAN, Agss security

Keep the faith and the fight

Ann

Good luck to you all on the 28th & the days after. You deserve to triumph.

Trish

Secretaries and care takers are the heart of the school we hope u get what ur entitled to

Patrick , Security

Fully support you.

Kevin, Assistant Staff Officer

The union membership across all sectors is behind you in your fight for fair & equitable treatment.

John

Your entitled to pension keep fighting the government members don't have to fight for there's

Gill

Standing with you 🤝🤝

Peter, AGSS

It is past time that those who play a pivotal role in the smooth running of our schools and therefore in the education of our greatest national resource, namely our children should be remunerated adequately and their current exploiting should cease immediately.

Elaine, Housewife

I support you all every step of the way and hope you get what you deserve.

Breda, Clerical Officer

Best of luck on your strike action. It's not an easy thing to go on strike. Long enough you have been ignored and it's time to air your opinion.

Sarah, Civil servant

Best of Luck to all hopefully a positive outcome at the end!

Suzanne, Sna

Wishing you all the very best of luck ..you are the heart of every school..hope you get fair pensions 🙏

Carmel, Ex principal

Best of luck. You are the heart and soul of schools and your professional responsibilities and efforts should be recognised.

Eveleen

Wishing all the best as you take strike action, you deserve all you are fighting for and schools would fall apart without you. Here's to Fair Pensions for all school staff and pay and holiday parity too.

Gillian, SNA

Best of luck to our amazing Secretary & Caretaker, for the best outcome with their impending strike with regards to their pensions

Aoife, Cllr

Full solidarity to all - I hope you get the recognition and respect you deserve for the incredible work you do.

Joanne, Tulsa staff

I stand with you. I hope you are heard and get what you deserve.

Edel, Retired Secondary Teacher.

Schools could not function without our Secretaries and Caretakers. They are often the beating heart of a school. Alongside their respective jobs they see and hear so much from pupils and watch out for a lot of students and keep principals and year heads informed of so much,

Vincent

I stand with these workers seeking rights taken for granted by other employees

Louise, SNA

Best of luck and we are all behind ye all the way

Pamela , SNA

“We are behind you’s, all the way, hang in there”

Jill

Best of luck . Ye deserve the very best for all the hard work ye do .

Sara, Clerical Officer

School secretaries, which are predominantly women, have been denied the basic rights of a work pension. This while the government continues to give TDs regular salary and pension increases. As a member of SIPTU I stand with the Forsa members in their strike action.

Philip , Retired

If you're paying for a weekly pension then you're entitled to a return of same when you retire.

Jan

Equality for all school staff, school secretaries are invaluable and should have the same access to pensions and other entitlements as teachers.

Paul, Distribution Manager

I just want to say best of luck with the strike
You are great people and fully deserve the pension.
Stay strong we are all fully behind you .

Karen

I cannot believe you are still having to strike to get the basics of leave and pension especially considering the critically important work you all do as caretakers and secretaries in our schools. Shame on the Dept of Education.

Nicola, Primary School Teacher

School secretaries and caretakers are central to the running of our schools. We would be lost without them. Pension Parity Now!

Barbara, Clerical Officer - DSP

You all deserve better for the services you provide to your communities.

Orla , Primary Teacher

I fully support this action by Fórsa to bring about pension parity for school secretaries and caretakers. It is an appalling situation in 2025 that all education staff are not treated equally with regard to pension rights and sick leave.

Sally , SNA

It's long overdue that our secretaries and caretakers are recognised for the pivotal role they play in the smooth running of our schools. We literally could not do it without them!

MICHAEL, Self employed carpenter

School secretaries should have the same conditions as other staff. It is a job which carries a lot of responsibility.

Jacqui, Retired HSE

Good luck for 28/08/25 -
Hope pension parity is sorted for school secretaries, caretakers etc
Together we stand

Sahr

You are right

Margaret

They should have access to pension schemes

Caroline , Insurance credit control

Best wishes with the protest. You all deserve to be treated better


Ann

Best of luck, hope you get a favourably outcome

Ursula, Sna

Support for secretaries and care takers to be treated equally to all benefits received by other public servants

Annemarie , Councillor

Wishing you great courage and strength. I hope the government see sense and level the playing field! Stand strong. 
Best wishes.
Annemarie

Lorraine, Sna

Standing with all you secretaries and caretakers we all deserve equal rights. That means same rights as teachers!

Michelle , Special needs assistant

You have my support best of luck

John, Service Officer

I support the school secretaries they are entitled to Pension Parity

Martina, SNA

So sorry you even have to do this strike. Your such an important part of the workings of the school.

Darragh, Nurse

Fight the Power! 🙊

Páraicín, SNA

You deserve your pension
It's dreadful

Maureen, SNA

You deserve to be heard and if that means striking so be it. We're all 100% behind you.

Kathleen , Teacher

I support your strike action and believe that you deserve better working and pay conditions.

Lilian, SNA

Thanks for all you do for us. With you all the way!

Deirdre, SNA

Her to support all Secretary's and caretaker's.
Stand strong we're behind you.

Carol, Teacher

Supporting Aisling, Louise and Jimmy in our school.

Anne

Equality for all the public servants. The secretary's are very importantvti the school.
Very hardworking

Ruth, Teacher

Secretaries are the backbone of every school. They are the cog that keeps everything running smoothly and are a vitally important part of the school staff. They deserve better from the government

Stephen, Principal

I support your cause. Fair is fair.

Kay, SNA

I support fairness and equality for all staff members

Tracey, School Completion project worker

Fair pensions for ALL school staff!!!

Jemma, Sna

Best of luck to all of the care takers and secretaries!! You all go above and beyond everyday and this needs to be recognised!! It's been a long time coming!! Special shout out to Austin and Maria in Holy Rosary school!! Wishing you the very best of luck!! Xx

Caitriona , Primary Teacher

I fully support the actions of secretaries and caretakers of our schools. They are part of the backbone of the operations of our schools with job descriptions that do not end. It is time the government woke up and give them their rights that they fully deserve.

Jon

I hope this truly makes a difference and I firmly believe that the government needs to finally cop on and look after the people who make up the foundation of our schools and education system.

Bláthnaid , SNA

The school's would absolutely fall apart without our secretaries and caretakers. I hope the government takes action quickly. Well done to all you have support from every member of every school in the country no doubt.

Richard, Senior citizen

You are right to stand up for your rightfully entitlements. You have been taken for granted for many years now is the time to call a halt to your exploitation.

Clare

I'm with you all 100%.

Miriam, Principal

Hold your heads high! We are 100% with you!

Niall, Primary Teacher

To all our secretaries & caretakers you are the heartbeat of our schools. May you reach your goal in pension parity.

Erin

You play a vital role in keeping our schools running. You deserve pension parity with your school colleagues. I stand in solidarity with you. Up the School Secretaries and Caretakers!

Cíara, SNA

I would like to stand with my colleagues and show my support so that justice and fairness happens. All staff should receive the same basic rights. Hopefully showing our solidarity and support will help to make this happen. Best of luck.

Jon , Business owner

All these people are so important
To our schools
And you fools in the government how important it is to keep these people

Louise, SNA

Hope this gets resolved. Long overdue.

Liz , SNA

Keep up the fight power to the workers

Janice, Special Needs Assistant

I support our amazing Secretaries and Caretakers seeking equality in the workplace. We all have different roles in the school community but we all deserve to be treated with respect as professionals. Our school wouldn't function without our hardworking dedicated Secretaries and Caretakers.

Deborah, Administration Education

Best of luck to all the secretaries and caretakers across the country. We totally support your decision to take this action to request what is rightly deserved. The staff of education centres are behind you all the way.

Bernie, S.N.A

I wholeheartedly support you. It's long past time to show respect for the important job you do. Good luck!

Caoimhe , Teacher

Secretaries and caretakers deserve the same rights as teachers when it comes to pensions!

Linda, Deputy principal

Our secretary is the back bone of the school. She is an essential staff member that should be paid for the work she does and she is well entitled to a pension after working for so long in our school. It's about time the department and the government know how important they are to the principal and the whole staff.

Hughie

You deserve it, guys!

Paula, S.n.a

Best a luck too you all and I hope you all get what should have always been yours ..A right to ur pension

Karl, Principal Teacher

No retreat, no surrender ☹️ Fair pensions, paid sick & bereavement leave for all school staff!

Justyne, Health Care Worker

As a parent, a member of forsa and a public servant I recognise and appreciate the work you do and support your strike action. Be strong and I hope you feel support from parents across the country.

Sandy, School secretaries

Crazy they are not treated with the respect and recognition they deserve, no school in the land could operate efficiently without them

Paula, SNA

Behind you all the way for equal rights

Christy , Retired

I hope you get sorted with your pension claims. The school secretaries, caretakers and ancillary staff are very important to the smooth running of the school and this should be acknowledged not by mere words, but by action on the Government's behalf.

Geraldine, SNA

Well done on all your hard work,ye are the back bone of the school .
You deserve equality,proper pay and pensions without a doubt!
Good luck

Rebecca

Pension Parity for All School Staff!

Elaine , Principal

Well done to all caretakers and secretaries on taking this much needed action!
We all support you - now it's time for the Department to listen!

Sinéad , SNA

I support secretaries' and caretakers' right to have equality with their colleagues.

Aiveen , Teacher

Pension parity for all school staff

Lorraine

This is scandalous in this day and age . Keep up the fight.

Rhona , SNA

“Supporting workers on the picket line – stay strong!”

“Respect and support for those taking a stand.”

Anita

Best of luck, fully support you!

Andrea, Clerical

Best of luck to all involved.

Owen, Executive Officer

Best of luck everyone. Taking a stand is what is needed to show the powers that be that we won't be walked all over. A pension is a very valuable asset to us when we retire.

Cathy, SNA

I stand with the secretaries and Caretakers, who deserve everything they are asking for.

Clr Marty , County counsellor

100% support your strike secretaries and caretakers are vital for our schools to run you fully deserved to be recognised for your service and treated like all other public servants

Susan , S.N.A

I wish all the secretaries and caretakers the best of luck on Wednesday. I really hope they get everything they deserve and are entitled to. Our schools would never survive without them. They are the glue that keeps everything working like clock work 🙏

Tony

No more unfair treatment of schools administrators

Michelle , Teacher

Secretaries and caretakers are keeping schools open and running efficiently. They organise and help maintain the whole running of the school and deserve pay and pension parity to reflect their tremendous work.

Kim, Sna

We should all be treated the same

Bronagh, SNA

You deserve the same entitlement to pensions as the rest of us working in this sector. Wishing you all best in your campaign/strike , hoping you get this finally sorted.

Ann, Special Needs Assistant

Wishing you support and a positive outcome 🙏

Josephine, SNA

You are supported in your quest to get proper pension terms, let's hope the Government sees sense and gives you the pension rights you deserve. Best of luck

Aine

Better pay and pensions for valuable staff.

Margaret , SNA

It's downright unfair to see school secretaries and caretakers being so badly treated by the Department of Education. Imagine in 2025, they are not entitled to a decent pension or adequate sick leave.

Ian, SNA

You guys are great

Christine

Fair conditions for all public workers! It's only right and just.

Vera, Sna

Equal rights and conditions I'm ~~100~~ behind you all ,I'll be with my colleagues all the way.

Lorraine, Bus escort

As a past debenhams worker,Iwant to show solidarity2 ALL secertarys+hope you recieve all your entitled too for all the hardwork yous do .keep up the fight this goverment is a shambles.

Ursula , SNA

Wishing you a successful campaign.
Sorry we are unable to be on the picket line with you.


Thomas, Probation Supervisor

Pledging my support for the vital roles that you fulfill in our education system. Hang in there & don't back down !

Norah

Of course, all school staff should have pension parity.

Aisling, SNA

Equality for all school staff! 

Linda, Ex school staff

Wishing you every success in you fight for fair and equal rights. You all deserve it.

Lorraine

Support for hilary and martin in MENTS!


Tracey , Teacher

I hope this campaign makes a difference for all the hard working caretakers and secretaries in our school,
It's such a pity their dedication using recognised and this needs to change!!

Lyndsey, Teacher & APII

School secretaries and caretakers, our colleagues, deserve access to public service pensions for their service in the public sector. They are an integral part of our school community and should be treated as such.

Fidelma

Sending you all my support. That this issue has not been resolved by now is a disgrace.


Róisín

Solidarity to the secretaries and caretakers - I completely support you in your fight for benefits that are long overdue. You've already shown that you can take action and win, and I know that you will stand together as a group for as long as it takes. Full support and solidarity to you all.

mike, Manager

My partner is a school secretary and I am frequently left speechless as to all the roles and responsibilities she is expected to carry out. Fully behind their campaign for parity.
Mike Joyce

Philip, Clerical officer

Long, long overdue, you are doing the right thing, keep pushing.
Our thoughts and support are with you.

Hilary, SNA

Sending best wishes and support. This should have been sorted well before now. Stay strong.

Margaret

Sending support to our public sector colleagues who deserve equal treatment.

Orna, QC Analyst

Good luck with the campaign getting the public service pension

Gillian , Receptionist

Good luck

Mary, SNA

Good luck in your fight for equal rights - well and truly deserved and looking for no more than those you work alongside. Secretaries and caretakers are the backbone of our school communities and deserve the respect that is paramount in every work setting.

Norma, teacher

pension parity

Karen, Principal

Fully support our secretary who glues the school together in good times and bad.

Mark, Primary Teacher

All school staff should have the same pension and leave rights

Sharon , Sna

The backbone of the schools we are all behind yous

Angela , Principal

Wishing every success to all wonderful school secretaries and caretakers out there. I will be taking unpaid leave to stand on the picket line with my secretary on 29th of August, and other staff - both those on leave and those in school, will also be present to support her at various times. We wish there was more we could do. This injustice must end.

Hannah, Special Class Teacher

The secretary and care takers I work with are excellent and the school wouldn't run without them !!

Glenda, Principal

You are so deserving - you make all our lives easier and are a massive support. You have mine!

Caroline, SNA

Very much behind our amazing Secretary and Caretaker. It is a disgrace in 2025 that they have to strike. Backbone of our school, honest, hardworking, reliable and project a positive image of the school at all times. Very unfair to be treated like this.

Elizabeth , Special needs assistant

ISupport this strike

Tricia

Hope you achieve your goals

Siobhan , Teacher

We are all behind you!

Siobhan

Backing you all the way

Shirley, Sna

In full support of our school secretary and caretaker who go above and beyond daily to keep the staff, students and school running smoothly.

Liz, Staff Manager

Hoping it will work out for you all and you get treated fairly

kate, project worker scp

Goodluck! Thinking of you all on the 28th and get the outcome deserved.

Geraldine, SNA

The school couldn't run without you. The invaluable work you do for all staff and the children is much appreciated. You have our full support.

Danny, Social Worker

Wishing you all the very best as you embark on a journey worth travelling. I hope it brings a deal that is just and fair, for you and those who will come after you.

Michael

With support, for security and fair treatment

chantelle, HEO

We are right behind you!!! I will pop down to my local schools for support. Keep going

Norah

It's only fair that Secretaries and Caretakers are treated equally and have the same employment rights as all school staff. Their input hugely contributes to the success and smooth running of our schools.

Cathal, Clerical Officer

Recognize and reward hard work. Pension parity and fair treatment for all school secretaries and caretakers now.

Anne, SNA

Hope ye get a solution soon yo this ongoing saga Mairead

Kate

You deserve everything you are asking for and More! They way you are being treated is beyond unfair and you need to be listened to! You do incredible work and are of course entitled to a fair pension, we support you wholeheartedly !!!

Anthony

Hopefully strike action will highlight the unfair working conditions for secretaries and caretakers in schools, who have worked quietly for too long. Time for pay and pension parity.

Nazish, SNA

Good luck guys !

Edel, Teacher

School secretaries deserve pension parity.

Joanne, Principal

Best of luck to Imelda our wonderful secretary and all the other amazing school secretaries around the country. We support you and are behind you every step of the way!

Gillian , Hospitality Manager

Fair play to you all for and shame on the Department of Education that they have put you in this position to have to strike for the right to a pension. It is well known that schools could not function properly without the skill set of their secretaries and the hard work of their caretakers. Best of luck to you all and to FORSA for acting on your behalf when you have been so badly let down by the Dept of Education.

Sarah

I stand in support of all those taking industrial action to fight for public service pensions. Keep strong in the fight for fair pensions for all school staff.

Orla, Primary school teacher

Caretakers and secretaries should have the same employment terms and conditions as other government employees. They deserve better.

Caitlin, Primary School Teacher

Pensions for caretakers and secretaries 💛

Caoimhe

We stand with you!!

Dena, sna

Dear colleagues,
a smart woman once said:
"We fear that we are inadequate, but our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure."
Marianne Williamson

YOU ARE POWERFUL!!!

Laura, Project Worker - School Completion Programme

Fully behind your strike action, and cheering you all on!! It's an absolute disgrace that it's come to this but I hope that it is successful for you all. Best of luck!

Joan, Retired Assistant Principal

I stand with you .

Brendan , Retired maintenance manager

I would like to voice my support for the people involved it's shameful that they are being deprived of pension rights etc they are being deliberately deprived of their rights it's an absolute disgrace these people should be ashamed of themselves.

Therese , Social worker

Thankyou for being at the front line with our nations kids. You deserve to be treated fairly and humanely throughout your working lives and beyond. Stand strong for what is right.

Yvonne , Sna

Both our caretaker and secretary are fantastic professional employees. They deserve the same as all the other employees in our school.

Alan

It is unacceptable that a key and dedicated members of school staff are treated so unfairly and shabby by the Department of Education. Senior Civil Servants, Ministers and TD's should be embarrassed to oversee such discrimination.

Orla, Teacher

The school would fall apart without our wonderful secretary and caretaker!!

Simon

You deserve all your asking for and more for the work you do. Best of luck with the campaign.

Pamela , Supply Chain

Maintain your value. You deserve fair treatment. For the work you do a pension is not an entitlement but a fair acknowledgement that is bestowed on many others.

Michelle , Teacher

Solidarity with secretaries and caretakers, as the backbone of the running of all schools they must be shown appreciation and treated with fairness.

Paul, Nurse

I wish you all every success in achieving your goal of equity.

Lorraine

Wishing all members
On picket lines the best you have our support as ye do so much behind the scenes

Una, Sna

I support the strike . Secretaries and caretakers should have the same pension rights as any other school staff.

Bríd , Retired TD

Keep on fighting
You will win
Up the Forsa Rebels 🍀

Shane, Teacher

Secretaries and caretakers are vital to the running of our schools. They deserve to be recognised for the hugely important roles they play and all teachers support them in their actions to gain basic employment rights!

Nicola, Principal

Shannen and Willie are at the heart of our school community. Supporting us all staff, parents and children. C'mon Dept of Education- show some fairness!

Barry, Retired

A fair and just deal is needed for the crucial roles of school secretaries and school care takers.

Kay

The very best of luck on the picket line. You are doing the right thing by taking action to secure pension parity. The public will be supporting you as you claim what should be yours by right.

Liz , Taxi assistant

You deserve to receive a pension, your job is just as important within the school system

Elaine, SNA

You've got this and we are all behind you! Well done for standing up for what is fair. You deserve better. Respect and solidarity to you all

Anita, Primary Teacher

Long overdue and well-deserved!!! Keep going!! ❤️

Bernie, Retired

You have my full support and solidarity. This strike lies solely with the Government they have had plenty of time to avert it. Secretaries and caretakers should be treated equally and fairly as any other employees of our schools. Stay united and strong. I ask all parents not to pass the picket and get in touch with your TDs and let them know votes

from you if they don't support the people on strike.. Secretaries and Caretaker are the backbone of our schools. 🙌

Bairbre, Teacher

You are such an integral member of any school staff and I wish you were treated equally.

Sheila, Teacher

Don't back down as it is only fair that you deserve equal rights

Aisling

I stand in solidarity

Linda , National Secretary, Fórsa

The perseverance and determination that school secretaries and caretakers have shown in this dispute is incredibly inspiring. We are all behind you until you get #PensionParity!

Elaine

A lifeline for schools/children/parents and teaching staff. Essential day to day work is carried out by secretaries and care takers. In terms of communication with families,planning,admin, organising - the schools would simply fall apart without the diligent and efficient work of the school secretary- day in and day out- the secretary is the one person who deals with ALL parents...so many queries...and always available to help-face to face, on the phone, by email or at the office door- always there to deal with random queries despite being so busy. Similarly- the caretaker plays an essential role in keeping the learning and play environment safe/organised/resourced and efficiently run for our children and the teaching staff.

Our schools/educators & principals rely on secretaries and caretakers...our children rely on them, and we as parents rely on them.

They are the heart of our school communities and I stand in solidarity and hope they get the equal treatment they deserve.Equal Work...Equal Worth...Fair pensions now!

Elaine, parent. Athboy Co Meath

Joe

Stay strong, stand for fairness. You have our support.

Cllr Frank , Galway City Councillor

Support you 100%. Schools couldn't function without you.

Dimphne , Librarian

Supporting school secretaries and caretakers and the vital work that they do, awful it has come to this, they are being left with no choice but to follow industrial action to look for equity in basic payment rights that should be their automatic due.

Lourda, Nurse

I totally agree with what you are doing. All the school caretakers & secretary's that I have encountered over the years have been totally amazing , helpful, kind and extremely hardworking, going above and beyond for me & all the kids.

Noreen, SNA

Stand together and get entitlements. We can do it!

Ciara, Teacher and Lecturer

Solidarity to all our wonderful school secretaries and caretakers who deserve to have access to the public service pension scheme. You play such vital roles in our schools. Best of luck/go n-éirí libh!

Colette

I hope they achieve what they want as they fully deserve it & keep everything going for the daily running of our schools.

Michelle

Equal rights for all roles within our education system. Our schools wouldn't operate without these vital hardworking individuals.

Ann, Retired

To all school secretaries/Caretakers im fully behind you all in your efforts for pension parity

Annemarie , Special needs assistant

You deserve everything & more than every single civil servant is entitled.

Mary, SNA

You have my full support in this struggle for fairness in your job.

Edward, Part time Branch Librarian

Stand firm for your rights and entitlements. You all deserve decent pay rates and proper pension entitlements. Fair play to you for taking this necessary action.

Tracy , SNA

Best of luck

Fidelma , Sna

Best of luck, we are behind you **100**

Aileen, SNA

Fair Pensions For All School Staff

Vicky, Teacher

This inequality has gone on for far too long. Sending you sentiments of solidarity, support and appreciation for all the invaluable work you do

B

They work harder and do more for the kids in the school than they get recognition for. Without these people our high standard of education would stand.

Peter, In Australia

Don't back down this time. For too long you've been ignored and school doesn't run without you.

Jacqueline, Sna

We support you!

Yvonne, SNA

I support ye all. Equal rights all round we're all the same.

Tom, Retired Civil Servant

POD and PPOD is nothing without the school secretaries. The SEC would not have details of their exam candidates, Schools Financial could not pay the Capitation Grants and Teacher Allocations cannot function without school secretaries who have been treated abysmally for years by the Department. Wishing you every success in this campaign.

Mark

I wish all school secretaries and caretakers the very best in your action to be get pensions for your public service work.

Eileen, Retired

Best of luck with your industrial action. Your fight is very justified and the public know it!

Christy , Meath Council of Trade Unions

Much Solidarity

What an injustice in so called modern Ireland. Justice, equality and respect is needed from this Government. Right is on your side so remain united and strong as there is strength in numbers in a Union. Christy McQuillan

Sinead , Special Needs Assostant

I want to support all school secretaries and caretakers to have the same pension rights as teachers and Special Needs Assistants.

Lorraine, Mainstream teacher

Together we can make a difference, your voice deserves to be heard, you are not alone!

Tracey, SNA

We fully support you so don't give up on your fight for what you deserve. It's only right and fair that you get a pension. You are a very important and valuable part of the school team so don't give up because your school colleagues fully support you!

Nuala

Support

Phil , Retired school secretary

The very best of luck

Michael, Clerical officer

Wishing you the very best of luck with the outcome of your industrial action. It may feel like a lonely time for you, but remember that you are not on your own. We are with you.

Brian, Retired, HSE

In Solidarity, I believe there should be equality and parity in terms and conditions for you.

Shauna, Pharmaceutical technician

Best of luck to Rene in educate together , she is a credit to the school and her work she does is incredible, she is the

Stephanie, HSE Quality & Safety HOS

It is grossly unfair that you are not afforded the dignity and respect of other public servants. I fully support the cause to have you treated the same as all other public servants and other school staff

Mary, Retired civil servant

Sincerely hope that you get a pension as its only right, that you are treated the same as your colleagues

Helen

A pity that your search for equal & reasonable terms & conditions has yet to be resolved & that you have to take this action. Keep the faith. Your employer's position is untenable. Thank you for everything you do.

Tony

Hang in there!

Andrew

You do invaluable work within the school system which should be recognised with an adequate pension!

Tracy

You have my support.
Good luck.

Teresa, SNA

Behind ye 100%

Ann, Clerical Officer

School secretaries deserve more. Schools need them, pay them what they respectfully deserve and look after them.

Tony , Public 3

Stay strong, don't let this or any government treat you with contempt

Micaela

Best of luck and hoping for a fair and speedy resolution!

Catherine

Totally agree with your action, best of luck. Will support in our local school.

Clíodhna

Please ensure parity of esteem for school secretaries

Catherine, Teacher

Secretaries are an invaluable part of school life for students and staff. They need to be respected and given pension parity. Best of luck on the picket line. You are all doing the right thing. Hopefully you will not be there too long and that you get what you rightfully deserve.

Michelle, Teacher

You are not alone, even if it feels like it. We all need you, we appreciate you, we support you.

Fiona, SNS

We fully support your rights to a workplace pension for the tireless duties you carry out on a daily basis. Our schools wouldn't function without your dedication and utmost professionalism

Stand firm

Kate, Teacher

Best of luck with campaign

Pauline , SNA

Our secretaries and caretakers Staff should have the same entitlement as the rest.
Simple as that

Bernadette, Retired lecturer

Firstly, I think it's extremely unjust and am quite shocked!
Secondly, rest assured the entire country will be supporting your equal right to a pension plan . Don't let them away with this and I'm so sorry it has had to come to this!
We're with you.

NOEL, Scientist

Hope you'll be successful. As a former teacher I can't say enough about the essential work that non-teaching colleagues did to keep the wheels oiled and everything running in any school. Best of Luck!! My thoughts are with you.

Elizabeth

Good on you all !!
Fight for your Rights
Behind you all the way.

Nicholas, Library assistant

You can do this - you're not alone, I support you 100% and so do thousands of people who believe in fairness at work and pay equity!

Frances, SNA

Go Secretaries and Caretakers. SNAs stand with you.

Daniel, Principal

Stay strong, you are doing the right thing, enough is enough. Keep that in mind.
Best wishes!!

John , Special Education Team teacher

Everyone knows that the secretaries and caretakers are the most important people when it comes to the running of a school, so why aren't they being treated the same as everybody else, if in fact not better ?

Emmett , National Gallery

Absolutely one hundred per cent support. Stay strong , shocking how your been treated.

Karen, EA

Good for you all standing up for equal treatment, it's a shame it's not automatic in this day & age. Stay strong & fight for your rights.

Jay

It is not always easy to stand up and be counted. I support you in your quest for fair pensions for all school staff.

Therese

Fair pensions for all school staff

Cara, SNA

To Paul and Shirley, St Brigid's GNS, Palmerstown.
Thinking of you today, best of luck. #Fair pensions for all staff!
From the SNA Team.

Brian, retired teacher

You absolutely should have pension parity with school colleagues and pay justice

Bryan, principal

Offering all our support and solidarity to all secretary and caretaker colleagues who are the heart and souls of our schools.

Caitríona, Senior Library Assistant

Hi all,
Wishing you all the very best for the campaign.
Caitríona

Gerry, County Councillor

I would like to send this message of Solidarity to you all who have taken the courageous decision to Strike for Fair Pensions for All School Staff. You have my full support. Gerry Mac

Monica , EHO

Best of luck - All staff should be treated fairly. Hope ye get what ye deserve.

Frances, Teacher

As teachers, we know that schools cannot thrive without the dedication of our caretakers and secretaries. Your hard work keeps our classrooms running, our students safe, and our school community strong. We stand with you, shoulder to shoulder, in recognition of the vital role you play every single day.

Moira, Secretary, Meath Council of Trade Unions

Decent pay, decent work for all school secretaries and school caretakers

Finnuala, Principal

We stand with our colleagues and demand access to pensions and leave entitlements.

Gary, E/O

I just wanted to wish you all every success with your campaign. I've read through your experiences on the Fórsa website and was quite frankly dismayed that you've been overlooked when you consider the vitally important work you all do on a daily basis.

the least that should be expected when you take up a position as school secretaries and

caretakers is that you have decent Terms and Conditions of employment.

All the Very Best.

Regards
Gary

Frances

Time to take responsibility for all employees

Leah, Teacher

Thank you to all the secretary's and caretakers for the wonderful work you do.

Audrey , Snas

Stand firm . We all deserve a pension .

Mary, Administrator

I offer my complete support for the issues you are fighting for.

Caroline, Teacher

I stand in solidarity with all taking strike again. Secretaries and caretakers are the heartbeat of our schools and we would be lost without their hard work and dedication.

Liz

I'm with you on this. A pity it has to come to a strike!

Elaine, Probation officer

Sending my support for your efforts to gain fair and just rights for all school staff and wishing you every success.

Elaine

Pam

Standing in solidarity with school secretaries and caretakers. You deserve better!
Please also stand in solidarity with adult education tutors around the country having contract issues.

Valerie, Accountant

It is a disgrace caretakers and secretaries have not got a pension, they are a vital COG in the running of any school. It is outright discrimination.

Jackie , EO Revenue

I'm shocked to hear that ye have no pension, after providing such service to the community & the Department of Education.
Stand together & tall lads, ye are vital personnel & this is an injustice.

Anna, Teacher

You are so right to pursue this fight for your rights to a fair pension. The nonsense of treating some school staff differently is going on far too long, and you should be proud to stand up for what should be an obvious part of your employment conditions. All school staff are equally important for the safety and wellbeing of students and their families, and there must be equality of terms for all of us. Stay strong!

Denise, PhD researcher

Best of luck! Hope you get the response you deserve.

Grace

Hope you all get the pension provisions you deserve for helping to run the country's schools. You have a very important role in the running of the schools. I hope this issue gets resolved quickly

Stephen, Housing Support Worker

Power to the school secretaries and caretakers!

Mairead

These people deserve pensions like their better paid colleagues

Patricia, NMS staff member

Good luck with fighting the good fight. Don't give up.

Máire, Retired RGN

I cannot believe the Government hasn't automatically given pensions to these wonderful people who work so hard often replacing teachers to take whole classes for a day in Primary school and Caretakers who have a huge work load. These people deserve a pension and all the allowances a qualified teacher gets. God knows....their salaries are too low for them to provide it for themselves. You certainly have my support.

Kathryn, Nurse

We are with you

Shirley, Teacher

I am 100% behind ye guys. Go for it as ye so deserve all the recognition ye bring to our school day!!

Helen, SNA

Sending support to all the people striking let's hope it won't be for long you all deserve pensions for the great work that you do

Patricia

As a member of RTAI I support your entitlement to a public service pension

Maura, Civil Servant

I wish to offer my solidarity and support with the school caretakers and secretaries who are in dispute regarding their pension entitlements. I hope that a just settlement is reached.

Claudine

100% support. There wouldn't be schools without you. Pensions should be available to all staff across the board.

Maeve, SNA

Right behind you, secretaries and caretakers.

David, Mainstream class teacher

I fully support pension parity for all school staff!

Anna, Assistant Staff Officer

Dear School Secretaries and Caretakers,
I am writing to give you my support in your action to get get public service pensions, bereavement leave and paid sick leave. I did not know that you don't currently get these, and I support you fully in getting them.
If I find a picket on the day, I will join it. Unfortunately, the Link to the list of schools does not open.

Best wishes,

Anna

Sinead , Teacher

Full support to secretary and caretaker

Nóra , Teacher

I support fair pensions for all school staff.

Terri , SNA

You've got this. You're the backbone of the schools and deserve to be treated as. Best

Bronwyn, Primary Teacher

There is no such thing as a 'less important' worker — only underappreciated ones. Every worker deserves equal recognition, equal rights, and a pension scheme that reflects their lifelong contribution to our schools and communities. Your voices matter — and your fight is just.

David, Self Employed Taxi Driver

Fairness for All

Michael

It defies belief that in the year 2025 our school secretaries and caretakers are treated so poorly by the system. Now time to rectify!

Wesley, Teacher

Fair play to everyone out there for fair pensions! Your colleagues support you!
Solidarity!

Sarah, Teacher

You have our full support!

Josephine , SNA

I support all school secretaries and caretakers. They do invaluable work. Our schools caretaker and secretary always go out of their way to support all staff, parents and children. They most definitely deserve to receive all entitlements in line with teachers and SNAs

Timmy, Teacher

Keep fighting for what ye deserve.

Róisín

Good luck with your action. The difference that people in your role can make on the overall school's efficiency, but much more importantly, student and teacher's wellbeing, can be immense. Parity is a small ask and well deserved.

Orla

It's shocking in this day and age that people have to strike to fight for their basic rights. School staff are a team and should all be treated equally.

Maura, Senior Technical Officer

Best of luck to all concerned and hope you are listened too.

Ciara, Class Teaxher

We support you all!

Jeff

I support the workers

Betty , Sna

The very best of luck to everyone

Fiona, Sna

Good luck to all school secretaries and caretakers. You are the backbone of our school. You deserve parity on pensions and leave.

We are all behind you. 🙏👐

Ken , Taxi driver

Stand together

Vivienne , SNA

Wishing all our caretakers and secretaries the very best of luck on Thursday and the coming days after. Stand up for what's right for you, you deserve to be heard and supported and treated like everyone else, as our schools would not run as smoothly without you. Please God it gets sorted out soon 🙏

Aodhan, MEP

Absolute solidarity with our school staffs who keep their schools going. You're the heart and soul of school communities. Keep fighting the good fight.

Bríd, príomhoide

Tacaíonn mé fhéin agus baill den bhord bainistíochta leis an stailc seo. Ba cheart na cearta céanna a bheith ag gach baill de fhoireann na scoileanna.

Michelle

I am totally behind your campaign.

You are all due the same rights as other staff.

Anne , CO

I support my fellow Forsa members in their fight for a right to pension rights

Pa, Teachta Dála

Comrádaí,

What is at stake here is fairness. Everyone deserves equality and security at work.

Beir Bua!

Pa Daly TD

Denise, Principal

Value our school secretary and caretaker by giving them fair pay and work rights

Mairead, clerical grade IV HSE

I am in favour of pay parity for school secretaries and care takers. Its a disgrace that in this day and age this is even up for discussion. Our local school secretary and care taker go above and beyond for our school and deserve the same pay and pension rights as there co workers. They are the back bone of the school. Best of luck. Mairead.


Amy, Teacher

The school secretary and caretaker are the backbone of any school, we wouldn't get through the day without them. They deserve equal benefits of a pension and paid leave.

Clare

I fully support the strike and and struggle to understand why theses viral staff members have to fight for this.

Fionntán, TD /Primary Teacher of 34 yrs.

A chairde,
Having worked as a primary teacher for 34 years in several city and rural schools, I've seen at first hand how secretaries, in many ways, hold our schools together. Your Trojan work has gone unappreciated by the powers that be for far too long. I salute you as you shout STOP! 
Beirigí Bua,
Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin TD

Catherine, SNA

Pension Parity for All School Staff!

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To all school secretaries and caretakers: your hard work is invaluable to every school community and is hugely appreciated.

Its time the government appreciated it to, by granting you equal pension rights.

I stand with you.
Laura

Damien, Executive Officer

Our schools cannot run without these vital frontline members of staff. They deserve their pensions.

eoin, Teacher

Give secretaries and caretakers the respect they deserve

Rosemarie , Project Manager

Thank you for standing up and fighting for pension parity. The work you do enables the education of all children in Ireland. Without you the work would be outsourced and way more expensive. Or teachers would be asked to do it and they wouldn't have the time. You should be getting the same benefits as any other public servant, your work is important, it is needed.

Daithi, Principal

Best of luck to all the secretaries and caretakers on the picket line. I wholeheartedly support your campaign for equal treatment from the Department. Your work is critical to the smooth running of our schools.

Mary

Wishing you well deserved success.

Shónagh , TD

Sending my support and solidarity to all those taking strike action for fair working conditions. I stand wholeheartedly behind you all and hope that an acceptable resolution will be arrived at soon. Gach deá-ghuí, Shónagh

Fintan , SNA

PAY THEM WHAT THEY ARE DUE

ROSEMARY, Primary Teacher

I am fully in support of you. You deserve to win this.

Helen, Special Needs Assistant,

Wishing the Secretaries the very best on Thursday, standing with you all.. 🙌🙌

Maureen , Sna

Keep going. I support you all the way

Joyce, SNA

BEST OF LUCK TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE STRIKE. TOTALLY BEHIND YE. HOPE IT'S RESOLVED QUICKLY.

Ciarán, TD for Dublin South-West

Sending my solidarity to school secretaries and caretakers in your fight for pay and pension justice. Your enormous and vital contribution to the proper running of our schools deserves to be recognised and appreciated. Ciarán Ahern TD

Louise

Solidarity with the workers striking for the conditions they deserve!!

Linda, Sna

I support you all the way .

Louis, TD

You deserve fairness and equality at work, and we're behind you all the way! Best of luck!

Axel, Student

As a student still in Secondary school I always have appreciated the work school secretaries and caretakers do and when I heard about the pension issues I was incredibly disappointed and will be happy to join you on Thursday outside the department of public expenditure before my school starts full time

Laura, SNA

I stand with the secretaries and caretakers

Mary, Special Needs Assistant

A pension is a basic right as an employee. As workers within the Education sector, you are entitled to be part of our pension scheme. Also, secretaries are mostly women - another reason to insist on admission.

Declan, EWO

Fully support your campagne to get proper pay, conditions and pensions

Meadhbh, Teacher

Our school would not work without all our staff! They deserve better!

Donncha, Primary school Principal

Give these amazing workers parity of pension and conditions. Its what we are expected to teach the next generation. Bi Cinealta

Anne-Marie

To the Caretakers and Secretaries,
As someone who works behind the scenes preparing accounts for schools through the FSSU, I see firsthand how vital your roles are. You keep things running, supporting staff and students.

Tomorrow know that you are seen and respected. Schools simply could not function without your dedication and your care. You deserve to be heard, valued, and fairly treated.

Rosemary, Retired teacher

You have my support fair play.

Muireann, Primary school teacher

The work that our secretary and caretaker do in the school is immense; we couldn't do our job without them.

John , Teacher

I would just like to pledge my support to all secretaries and caretakers in the upcoming strike! They're vital components to every school and should be treated as such.

Eileen, SNA

Secretaries work so hard and help everyone everyday, so sad that they have to protest to get decent conditions for their pension!

Amy, Primary School Teacher

We stand with you all during the strike and hope you get the most desirable outcome

Majella, SNA

I support secretaries and caretakers for the essential role they play in our schools. It should not even be a question that they deserve pay parity.

Melisa, Councillor

You have my full support and that of my party People Before Profit. Hope to meet some of ye on picket lines over next week

Yvonne, Deputy Principal

Standing with you all. It's ridiculous that you've been forced to do this, we value you all so much. You deserve fair, predictable pay and pension parity.

Martina, Sna

The oaps of our country went out in force a few years ago, and fought for their rights and entitlements.

Now it is your turn. .

Go for it, and best of luck to all

Graham

Parity for equality and equity

Conal, Teacher

Fair play to you for taking action, you deserve better pay and pension conditions, secretaries and caretakers are so important, we need to reward them properly!

jacinta, Retired teacher, Primary.

Having worked in a school in various roles for over forty years, I can say with all honesty that schools could not operate without secretaries and caretakers. They are a backbone in the system and fair is fair, should be entitled to what is justly and rightfully earned.

Mags

It is a disgrace that secretarial staff are not entitled to a pension. Discrimination!!

Claire, SNA

Crossing my fingers for a good outcome, it's well deserved.

Fiona, TUDUBLIN

Standing with all striking for fair wages benefits & better pensions!

Your voice matters ! We support you keep going !!!

Julie

Fair pensions for all school staff.

Jim, Credit union worker

I support these people. They are the delicate workers who go over and above in all schools.

Guislaine , Sna

Our school wouldn't run without our brilliant secretary and caretakers. They deserve the same recognition and parity as the rest of the school staff!

Colum, Translator

They deserve proper pension rights

Nicola

It is without doubt very important that all school staff are equal - secretaries and caretakers deserve the same benefits as their colleagues

Michael, Taxi dvr

Fight for your rights, the only way to do this is you all have to stick together in solidarity. Half assed attempt will be of no use.
You can do it! Fight for it. You deserve it.

Theresa

They should be entitled to a pension plan of course

Chris, Credit Officer

This is an entitlement you all totally deserve - keep knocking on the door - it will eventually be answered 😊

Michael

Don't give up.

Una, SNA

This should have happened a long time ago as they keep the School running smoothly and also alot of work around the School.

Eileen, Retired SNA

Hope you all achieve everything you are campaigning for.

Linda, Bus Escort

Equality across the board

Robyn

Secretaries and Caretakers play a vital role in the running of schools and are amazing coworkers. It's wrong and upsetting that they don't receive pensions after years of service. Please show them how valued they are and give them what they deserve.

Brendan , Psychologist

You deserve parity. You work hard and you are essential to the running of schools

Emma, Teacher

Secretaries are the ones that keep all schools going smoothly, they work like public servants along side public servants and should be given a fair pension to reflect the excellent work they do on a daily basis!

Amy, Primary Teacher

All school staff deserve fair equitable conditions. That the situation has persisted this long is ridiculous and I hope it comes to a quick and favourable resolution for school secretaries and caretakers.

Lewis, Teacher

Please get pension parity for all staff.

Tracy , SNA

You know your worth as do the whole school. Time for the department to act.

Louise

Please support the cause

Teresa, Teacher

School secretaries & care takers work extremely hard in all schools throughout Ireland and deserve to be treated correctly. I fully support this strike.

EileenMc Monagle, Retired civil servant

School secretaries and caretakers deserve a pension.I hope they succeed.

Caroline, SNA

Standing in solidarity with our secretaries and caretakers, “stronger together”, and hoping for a fair and speedy resolution

SNA
Cork

Susan

Supporting all secretaries and care takers in their fight for equality

Klaudia

Good luck with your strike. You so deserve equal rights because our schools can function without you.Don't give up and stay strong in your fight for justice!

Tríona, SNA

You are equal all staff have to be treated with respect. You are the hardest workers schools could not run without you. It's so wrong how you've been treated. Fair pensions for all school staff.

Rona, SNA

School's would not function effectively without the secretaries and caretakers and they fully deserve to get a public service pension for their years of public service.

Margaret , SNA

I think it's an absolute disgrace that secretaries and caretakers have to go through this. They are the ones that keep a school together. We support our secretaries and caretakers.

Ciara, Mother of a school going child

Sending you solidarity for this strike action - we all know the incredible work you all do for the whole school community- pension parity is the least you all deserve!! Up the Workers !!!

Oisín, Pharmacist

Thank you for everything you do. Supporting you all the way!

Catherine , SNA

I fully support u all and hope that an agreement can be made that u are all happy with

Paula

I support school caretakers and secretaries

Susan , Physiotherapist

You are an important part of tye school community and I had no idea you didn't get pension.

I support your strike action for pension parity. You're not alone.

Sarah, Occupational Therapist

School secretaries and care takers work extremely hard. They should receive same benefits as SNA s and teachers. It should equitable. I wish them luck with negotiations.

George, Retired

All your member's so deserve pention parity, it's a nonsense that you are not getting it.

Niamh , Teacher

I fully support you in your strike action. You have the right to fair conditions of work including a pension. It is time this was recognized and acted on. Best of luck with your strike action and I am hoping for a positive outcome for you.

Gerry, SNA

You deserve the same rights as everyone else.
Hopefully backdated
Rock on 🤘

Aimee, SNA

Our secretary and caretaker work as hard if not harder than the rest of us. A school would not run without them. We are so grateful for them and they should get the same entitlements as us.

Kathleen, School Lunch Operative

Keep going everyone, you deserve better !! It should never have come to this!!
Wishing you all the best 🙌

Denise , Sna

Our secretaries deserve a pension for sure. They are the back bone of the school
They work very hard for everyone in the school. It's very unfair

Josephine , Primary School Teacher

I stand with you

Andrew

Good luck

Derarca

Best of luck with your campaign, fair treatment for all.

Vincent , SNA

Good luck, ye deserve it 🙌

Catherine

School secretaries & caretakers should be entitled to a pension the same as any other public sector worker. It is a disgrace that they are not given that at the moment. Justice should prevail as a right, not as a privilege.

Elaine , Sna

It's 2025 we all have to stand up for what we are entitled too. We all work hard enough and receive the bare minimum we have to look after our future selves.

Fiona

I wholeheartedly support this claim.

Kathleen, Retired

School secretaries/ caretakers are an essential part to any school. They should be treated fairly and given a pension like other public servants.

Neville , SNA

Solidarity with School Secretaries and Caretakers on this important campaign.

Irene, SNA

Best wishes to all the secretaries and caretakers on your upcoming strikes. The country is behind you. The government should hang their heads in shame.

Seosamh

Basic fairness for these essential staff; long overdue.

David, Revenue Executive Officer

In solidarity!

Roisin, SNA

I support all secretaries in this strike for better pension rights

Jerome, SNA

Without the support of school secretary's and caretakers everybody's job within the school would be a lot more difficult !! They are such a huge part of the engine that keeps the school going!!!

Mary , SNA

Stand strong

caroline, SNA/Bus Essort

Keep up the fight you are the back bone of our schools

Grainne, Chef, never had a union

I rang the department yesterday and they hung up on me twice, before putting me on to a manager. I asked them all, were they members of unions and by keeping the schools open, we were going to desensitise our children to the part unions will play in their lives, if they pass the picket. I'm still waiting on a response, 100% behind our amazing secretary and she would be on her own, but I have organised some parents to stand with her, keep going

Stefan, SNA

I would like to send a message of support to school secretary Deirdre Kennedy of St.Francis school.

Martina, Teacher

The secretary in our school is the bedrock of the school. She works tremendously hard for the pupils and staff and deserves the same pension entitlements.

Caroline, SNA

Dear colleagues ye are the backbone of the schools & deserve better. We couldn't manage without you all. Best of luck & we are behind ye all the way

Ciara

Stronger together in Fórsa fighting for pension parity

Carmel, Retired member

Glad that the school secretaries & caretakers got themselves organised to take this long overdue action . Stand firm & persevere. Together you will achieve more.

Fionnghuala

Go n-eiri an t-adh libh!

Tara

I support school secretaries and caretakers.

Anne, Ex preschool supervisor

I support you 100%. I worked as a preschool supervisor for 35 years, recently retired and I won't receive a penny for all those years...just the state contributory pension...not a penny more. Disgraceful 😡

Brian

Best wishes on your campaign. I hope you achieve the deserved equality. Ádh mór achan duine.

CHARLIE, Retired

Best wishes to all for a victorious and fair outcome.

Jane, Teacher

We would not be able to manage a day in school without our wonderful secretary. She does so much more outside of her job role and deserves more than what is currently in place.

Helen

We the parents support our wonderful secretaries and caretakers

Joy, Principal

Secretaries are the gatekeepers and heart of our schools. We have and need capable secretaries who deserve better pay and conditions. We are 100% behind you all.

Irene

People need to be paid properly

Bernadette , Sna

Wish to support our wonderful secretary Leanne and our caretaker Gerry. We be lost without them.

Walter, Engineering Manager

They are the lifeblood of all schools and would not function without. They do the same as all other public servants but are being discriminated. They deserve pension access and proper leave entitlement.

Lorna, Scientist

All school staff should receive pension parity inclusive of secretary's and caretakers, they are integral school staff that we all rely on

Debbie

Good luck in the fight

Fiona , SNA

I believe in equal rights for all school staff! A lot of unrecognised work done by non-teaching staff in schools. Schools would not run without non-teaching staff! It's time appreciation and acknowledgement is shown.

Brendan

Important workers are entitled to important rights. They spend their careers supporting the education of Ireland's children and shouldn't have to worry about their retirement.

Mary

I wish to support all school secretaries & caretakers. They are entitled to public service pensions & I fully back them.

Mark, CDU Technician (HSE)

I wish all my fellow FORSA colleagues good luck in their stand to get recognition and pension set up for all the great work they do in the schools. If you work anywhere that's a part of the public sector like schools, hospitals, guards, no matter what job you have, all staff within should automatically get pension acknowledgement.

Lourda

They do amazing work schools can't run properly without these amazing people

Sabrina, Sna

Best of luck

Peter, Musician

I support the rights of school secretaries and caretakers to a government pension, sick pay, etc. This is 2025, not the 1970s!

Sandra

Well done to everyone involved, I hope you get what is well deserved. Secretaries and caretakers are the backbone of schools and have been undervalued for years.

Attracta

Schools cannot run effectively without secretaries or caretakers, they are essential to the school operatio. They should be entitled to a public pension.

Elizabeth, SNA

I wish you all the best of luck with your campaign and hope you get the outcome you are fighting for.

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Stick together and don't let them divide and conquer. Ye are the back bone of this school's.

Evelyn

ABSOLUTELY...no school could function without Secretaries or maintenance staff...in most cases they work LONGER HOURS than some teachers

Jean

Best of luck & you deserve pension parity..

David, Immigration Officer

Supporting you in your just fight for Pension Rights. Stay strong and united.

Deirdre

I support all staff working in schools whether it receptionists/caretakers/ground worker's etc and their entitlement to a pension/bereavement leave, and critical illness leave

Aislinn, Project worker

Solidarity to school secretaries and caretakers. You deserve fairness and to have the same rights as other school staff.

I hope your action on Thursday achieves the goals you have set out.

My children have had support from your profession over the years and this made their time in school a bit easier.

Our demands are most meek, we only want the earth 🙏 🙏 🙏

Mary, SNA

Good luck as you take a stand against this unfair and unequal system. Don't give up the fight till justice is served! Please know that we, your colleagues, support you completely in this action.

Samantha

Ye deserve all you're striking for and no less..

Mike

Solidarity From Tipperary.

Audrey , Sna

Best of luck!!!! Fair pensions for all school staff.

Joanne, Business Intelligence Coordinator

Huge support to all the school secretaries and caretaking staff, fighting for the right to pension parity. You are so valuable to our schools and that worth should be reflected!

Edel

Support

Marie

Should be equal

Deirdre

Best of luck

Avril, Sna

Dear Colleagues

I want you to know that we support you in your strike action for pension parity. We know this is not an easy decision for you to make. Please know that we stand with you in spirit and solidarity. What you're doing matters and your courage, determination and commitment is truly inspiring. Wishing you strength, unity and success in this fight.

Kathleen , SNA

I totally support our school secretaries and caretakers the work they do for our schools. It's a terrible thing that they have to go on strike to get what is right and fair and due to them.

Marleen

Equality for all

Garry

It is quite obvious that all of those school workers do a great job and should be appreciated.
There is no point in telling people how great they are if you don't give them equal rights. They deserve the same privileges as everybody else in the education system.

Peter, Clerical Officer in the Civil Service

I wholeheartedly support Fair Pensions for all School Staff

Ann, SNA

Wishing you well with your striking action. Hopefully this time the government will listen and do the right thing. You are a very important part of school life and the schools would not be able to run without you. You deserve the right to have a pension like all other staff.

Deborah

Give them their public service pensions

Madeleine , Clerical officer

Best of luck at the talks today and FEET ON THE STREET tomorrow .

Jonathan, Principal

I have had the absolute honour to have worked with secretaries, Fran Tierney, Lucy & Ann (dynamic duo) Elaine Maguire, Sharon Agnew and now the magnificent Dorothy. Schools would be lost. I would be lost. The children would be lost. Secretaries and Caretakers are vital cogs in our machine.

Pension Parity for all School staff

Margaret, SNA

We see first hand daily the work our school secretaries and caretaker do . They go above and beyond their actual jobs, they do work they will never be paid for and they support all staff and children throughout our schools.

It's time for the government to wake up and give them the rights they should have had many years ago. Without these people our schools can't and won't function.

Dónal

I stand with you

Louise

Equal pay & conditions for equal work

Barbara, SNA

Secretaries and caretakers are an integral part of the school.. they should be entitled to the normal benefits as the rest of the staff

fintan

It's ridiculous that they don't have access to pensions already

Margaret, Teacher

Without these workers schools would crumble. Their work is vital and should be properly acknowledged.

Linda , Teacher

Best of luck

Lorraine, All School Staff

Fair pensions for all school staff.

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Ye deserve better conditions for the crucial core work that ye do in schools!

Anne Marie

I support you all (school caretakers and secretaries) in your fight for equal treatment within the public service. Best of Luck with your campaign!

Kathleen, Retired civil servant

Fairness for everyone

Lee, Driver Tester

I fully support you in your endeavours to get pension parity for all school staff. May I wish you all the very best of luck in achieving this goal.

Anne, Civil Servant

My mother was a school secretary for 3 schools and the backbone of each one. Outlasted most of the teachers. I am in solidarity with you all. Fair is FAIR!

Canon Michael, Chairperson - Board of Management

You have our full support and we are behind you all the way. Your contribution to our schools is huge and very much appreciated by all of us locally.

Mary

Solidarity to all union members who will be going on strike tomorrow for parity. Your stand is about fairness, dignity and respect in the workplace. Stay strong, With you all the way.

Helen

It's a disgrace that school secretaries and caretakers who are at the heart of the school community are denied a pension. They deserve justice.

Neill, Lecturer

Best of luck ladies and gents!! So deserving of basic working rights! We are all behind you!!

Cllr John, SF Councillor, Senior Psychologist , Forsa member

This week most schools return but sadly we are thrown straight into turmoil as secretaries and caretakers are forced to take strike action to be treated with the basic decency any other employee is. Government parties have long argued for the merits of the Social Partnership model but cracks are showing as they ignore the blatant inequalities across various sectors. Last year one of the key talking points during the election was pay and pension parity for section 39 workers and similar issues with the emergency services. This was a battle

fought long and hard by opposition parties and unions, a disgrace that for so many years professionals did the same jobs as their HSE counterparts often even on the same teams but were paid substantially less.

Like the health sector, similar inequalities still exist in education. It is beggars belief that staff whom have often worked for decades in schools are not seen as public sector workers and are not seen by the government parties to have the same value as other colleagues. That's before even mentioning the ongoing issue of temporary contracts for the likes of SNA's and cleaners or the failure to honour teacher experience earned outside of the state.

It will come as beggars belief to parents and citizens that such staff are not seen as public servants and must be employed directly by schools. This has to change and the Dept of Education must employ such individuals directly allowing them to access the same entitlements as their colleagues.

The cost of living crisis is effecting school massively also. Sadly in recent months I have met with numerous principals who detail how they are losing sleep over the rising costs of running their school. Capitation grants barely cover the basics and have to be used to fund wages rather than the rising cost of utilities. Schemes like the solar for schools initiative are fundamentally flawed. These schemes operate like scams. Schools produce ample electricity during the summer months when their usage is low and sell this back to the grid for virtually nothing, as the schemes did not include battery storage. The same schools are the forced to purchase electricity back from the supplier at a much higher rate months later. Again a scheme that rather than saving money is lining the pockets of large corporations at the expense of schools and parents.

We stand side by side with secretaries and caretakers whose demands are simple. Treat us fairly, give us the pensions we deserve and access to sick and bereavement leave like you do others. The government has had months to sort this but sadly, staff are forced to take strike action as the week the schools return in order to show how essential they are to the functioning of the system

John , Trainer

Everybody should have access to a company or state pension .

Stephen, Retired

Wish them well and certainly it's only right they should have pension rights. I'm with you 100% good luck.

Stacey , SAHP

Sending all the support to you all

Mark, T.D. Sinn Fein

I am sending you all of my support and solidarity as you seek parity and fair pensions for all school staff

Carmel

You do so deserve it
When workers rights are under attack
Stand up fight back
You have the support off
Ex Debenhams Workers

J

Hope you get what you deserve

Jenni

I stand in solidarity with the school secretaries and caretakers. They're essential to the running of our schools and deserve pensions in the same way as other staff.

100% behind you!

Paul, Grade VII

I fully support the strike action of School Secretaries & Caretakers in their totally justified claim for inclusion in Public Service Pensions & sick Leave entitlements. It's totally unjust how you have been treated for years.

Elizabeth, A Manager. Training Centre

We are with you. Stay positive. FORSA will work for you.

Margaret , Administrative Officer

Keep up the fight..... to be treated fairly and equal to your work colleagues is an entitlement

Paul

Best of Luck & Equality !

Geraldine

You are essential and need all the same benefits as everyone working in school

Rose

I support you all 100%. This is disgraceful treatment 🙄

Bláthnaid

Secretaries and caretakers are vital to Schools. They should have the same work conditions and benefits as other staff

Carol

Secretary's and caretakers are as valuable as the teachers..

Una, CSW

This is long overdue

Derek, Union official

Hold tight. The very best of luck. We are all behind you.

Vinny , Retired

Behind you all the way

Lorna

Best of luck to the care takers and secretaries hope they get what they are entitled too

Mairead , Publican

We stand with you ! Ye deserve better and keep fighting !

Aileen, Principal Clinical Scientist

All school staff should be valued equally and treated fairly - sending my support for this campaign

Yvonne, Garda

This shouldn't even be a question... shocking

Michaela, SET teacher

These jobs are such an important part of the school communities and their work and presence need to be valued as much as any teaching and care staff.

Georgina, Office Manager

Absolutely unfair should be equal across the board as caretakers and school secretaries complete the heartbeat of any school.

Tosin

I support the strike

Caroline

Rightful access to pensions

Patricia, Deputy Principal

Supporting members in our school community and across Ireland to secure access to the pension scheme.

Cork

Sending solidarity to our School Secretary & Caretaker colleagues this week while you strike for pension parity from all of us here in the Cork Health & Local Government Branch. Ní neart go cur le chéile!

Trish

The Limerick Health & Welfare Branch stands in full solidarity with school secretaries and caretakers as they take strike action in their ongoing fight for fairness, respect, and proper recognition of the vital work they do every day.

We know the essential role you play in keeping schools running, supporting staff, students, and families, and ensuring safe and welcoming learning environments. It is unacceptable that your commitment and contribution continue to be undervalued.

Your fight is our fight. When any group of workers is forced to stand up against

inequality and unfair treatment, it strengthens the collective voice of all trade union members.

We send you our full support, unity, and solidarity as you take this stand for justice.

In solidarity,
Limerick Health & Welfare Branch

Caitriona

Sending a message of support to School Secretaries and Caretakers in advance of tomorrow's strike action, from all your colleagues in the NETB Branch. You have our full support and admiration and we are standing in solidarity with you as you strive to achieve your goals. Keep your heads high and keep up the pressure!!
Caitriona Tuite
Chairperson, NETB Branch

Lisa , Sna

Do what you have to do.
Fairness for all staff

Barry

I support your fight for parity

Astrid, SNA

I fully support the secretaries and caretakers.

Kate

Best of luck. Schools can't function without good support and a school secretary is an essential part of the team and should be paid accordingly.

Margaret, Nurse

Absolutely stand by you in your fight for recognition and benefits other school employees have.

Tracey

Supporting our wonderful school secretary Sandra at Cork Educate Together National School

Alicia

Good luck to all staff on the pickets tomorrow. We absolutely adore our school secretary Siobhan in Scoil Asicus, sligo The school and parents would be lost without her! Hoping you all get the recognition that is so much deserved!

Ailish, Personal Assistant

The time has come to right this total injustice. Total support for your strike action. The videos of some of your stories were very powerful

Claire, Solicitor

We parents support the strike

Niamh

Can't believe this is still ongoing.

My child left national school 5 year ago & this was to be sorted imminently!! Backing the School Secretary 100% they and the Caretaker have a vital role & deserve recognition & security in the form of a pension.

Cliona , Lecturer

Good luck this week! It takes everyone to keep schools running

Stephen, IT Manager

All staff should be treated equal.

Deirdre , Parent of school going children

Best of luck with the rally, hoping you get the pension parity you deserve 🙌

John , Retired teacher

I fully support this campaign. A Pension at the end of a full working career is a reasonable expectation for every Public Servant.

Jenny

Equal work deserves equal rights

Karen , Secretary

No secretary needs to be out of the office this time of the year BUT they do need to be treated the same

Emmet, Social care

You are doing the same hours in the same work place, without your work then schools wouldn't function, ye deserve equal pension and pay

Phil, Pensioner

All staff should have equal rights and conditions.

Laura

Support secretarys and caretakers

Clare, SEN teacher

Supporting you all the way. Best of luck with your campaign!

Amy

I support their decision to strike

Brenda , Manager

We need to value and reward all I roles in a school which support the staff and students.

Angela, Sna

Support you all the was the work you do in schools keep the schools running and maintained

Rebecca

I support the school caretakers and secretaries fair pensions and pay justice for all school staff

Cosmin

Your commitment to achieve parity is not only just-it's inspiring. Your efforts are seen respected and appreciated. We stand along with you in solidarity and admiration.

With respect and support,
Cosmin

sarah, Health care assistant

They deserve more money they fight for what they deserve

Adrienne, Director PlayAct drama school

I think all school staff are entitled to financial security such as pension etc.

Amanda

We support all school staff regardless of their title. Fair pension, fair play.

Donna

Equality for all

Thomas

Best wishes in your battle for parity

Suzanne , Hospital Worker

We stand with our school secretaries and caretakers

Martin, Associate Professor

Wishing you all the best in your endeavour to secure fair pension arrangements that you're rightly entitled too! I hope this is soon resolved so you all can resume your important roles on an equal footing.

Deborah

We support the staff and they all deserve pensions.

Brenda, Grade IV Assistant Staff Office HSE

You have the full support of North Tipperary Health & Welfare Branch, you are not alone.

Best of luck

Paula, HSE staff

Good luck, hope you all get the pensions you deserve

Fiona, Administrator

I wish all the school secretaries and caretakers all the best in their action hopefully the Department will sit up and listen

Brian

Pensions for all

Maria

Secretaries and Caretakers are the back bone of our schools and deserve parity with their colleagues..In a time where Equality , diversity and inclusion is .considered the best and only way for workplaces to move forward and grow Treating this group of staff differently is working in contradiction to that

sarah

To our wonderful secretary in Gaelscoil na Rithe.
Teresa thank you for all your hard work we support you 100%

Tommy rang 5

Clare

I fully support all school secretaries and care takers in their fight for proper pay and pension entitlements.

Tracey

I fully support our wonderful school secretary in striking to get a fair pension, it's disgraceful that the department of education has let it come to this. From Monday I won't be sending my child to school until the strike is resolved

Claire, Clerical Officer

I am in full support of school secretaries and caretakers fighting to get public service pensions. It is about time and only fair that school secretaries and caretakers are treated fairly and given what they so obviously deserve. I have family members who are school secretaries and the work that they do for their schools is above and beyond. Their schools would be lost without them. I wish this movement every success and hope that the government come to their senses and give school secretaries and caretakers public service pensions and appropriate leave from work without relying on the generosity of their principals.

Karen, Substitute SNA

I fully support all staff members with in the school no matter what their job is its all team work and should be treated equally.

Caitríona , SNA

All members of staff be it principals , caretakers, teaching staff, secretaries, student teachers, cleaners snas or maintenance staff should all be treated with the same dignity and respect, they deserve the same benefits as everyone else in the school.

Marian, SNA

Olive & Breda go girls ☺ you are both just brilliant and fantastic helping us all and the school run smoothly. Ye deserve everthing thats asked. .

Pauline , PA Chairperson

Best of luck Lisa as you go out on strike for what is absolutely 100% deserved the Sooeey PA are behind all the way !!

James

The schools couldn't function without the vital work you all put in, the backbone of our education system. You deserve this and so much more, victory to the workers.

Christine, Teacher

Take care of our caretakers and secretaries!

Carol, SNA

Every person should be entitled to a pension equality for everyone

Yvonne

Pensions for all school staff should not be in question. All school staff are vital!

Norma

The best of luck

Helen

Totally support all school secretaries and caretakers with their challenge to secure equality in pensions and sick benefits.

Brian, Teacher

I support your strike for pension rights. It's only fair

Marie , Florist

The schools would fall apart without the hard work of the secretaries and support staff

Natasha

Equal rights for all

Ashley , Carer

Support to all , especially Nicola Caroline and Brian of SM .

SALEHA

Our children's schools could not run without secretaries and caretakers. You deserve fairness and security in retirement. We are proud to stand with you. You are not alone children and their families are with you.

Pamela

Fair treatment for all staff

Mary, Teacher

I would love to see my colleagues secretaries and caretakers get pay/pension parity. They are invaluable to the running of our school and go above and beyond what is required of them.

Brenda

Just to let you know all your co workers are behind you. Hope you get all that you are looking for.

Clare

100% behind our school secretaries and caretakers they are the backbone of our schools!

Matthew , Assistant Staff Officer

I stand with School Admins and Secretaries

Mary , SNA

I think it's so unfair that our wonderful secretaries don't get the same benefits as other school staff ,I wholeheartedly support them & hope it will be sorted ASAP.

O'Looney, Teacher

Secretaries and caretakers are the backbone of the school and deserve to be treated fairly!

Beverley , SNA

We support you all you are the backbone of every school and you deserve a pension and recognition.

Syd

Our secretary is the heart and soul of our school community. The first port of call, the person who probably knows our families the longest. You all deserve pension parity and to be well paid. We couldn't do without you you're so much more than the title says.

Roland , Industrial office

Remember you are doing this for those whom come behind you - you fight today for a better Ireland tomorrow- Power to the Workers

Marie

It is well deserved the amount of knowledge needed by all school staff at present is not reflected in salary or benefits.

Amy, Sna

Best of luck

Joe

It is absurd that less than 3000 of your members in 2025 are in employment without a pension. This is a very small minority who are being discriminated against, therefore, there is no reason why this exists today, in fact a pension should have been in place from the outset of employment.

I am in full solidarity with you all in this matter and hoping there will be a satisfactory outcome today, that will prevent the need for industrial action. However, if this does not materialise I will support whatever action you deem necessary to bring about a satisfactory outcome.

Tatiana

Stand strong!

Catherine, Retired School Chaplain

School Secretaries and Caretakers do so much work for our Schools. They are entitled to a pension like all Civil Servants and School Staff

Megan

Standing shoulder to shoulder with our amazing caretakers and secretaries today. The work they do is the heartbeat of our schools, keeping everything safe, welcoming, and running smoothly.

It's not right that such vital work goes unseen and undervalued. Their strike is about fairness, dignity, and recognition, and we're proud to support them every step of the way.

We see you, we appreciate you, and we stand with you 🙌

Emma

Pension parity for all school staff

Harpreet , Working as waitress

They should be get every facility that they demand for.

Karen

Good luck!

Evelyn, Retired

Secretaries play a significant role in the running and stewardship of a school. Pension provision is a must.

Aisling, Teacher

Our school wouldn't function without our caretaker and secretary like many other schools ! Give them what they deserve

Jennifer

Wishing you all the best. Hopefully you all get what's rightfully deserved 😊

Eibhlis

In support of our fabulous school secretary Siobhan in Cloughduv NS

Denise, Insurance agent

All workers deserve the right to a pension

Sinéad , Clerical Officer

I support your strike and fight for your right to a pension.

Kate

As a parent I support your strike action!

Kelly , School Secretaries Strike

Best of Luck to All
I hope you all get a positive outcome

Martina, HR Manager

Caretakers and School secretaries are at the heart of the school community and should be offered the same terms with regards to pensions as those of SNAs and teacher.

Helen, SNA

Best wishes to all school Secretaries and Caretakers taking strike tomorrow for what should be basic entitlements. Hopefully the department of education will sit up and take notice and realise the amazing work done by you all on a daily basis and grant parity to you all, which is what is deserved.

Don

Solidarity with School Secs and Caretakers.

Sinead

Best of luck you deserve better

Lauren

Lots of parents and fellow school staff standing with you - solidarity!

Miriam, SNA

To all secretaries and caretakers on the picket line. Stand tall and firm in the knowledge that your school comrades are behind you 100%. Its about time that the department made this vital change so that all school staff are treated equally. Wishing you all a quick resolve to this to allow you to get back to your vital roles

Emma , Teacher

You are the backbones of the schools. We would all be absolutely lost without all your hard work and support. You shouldn't have to strike for this it should be a given

Pádraic , Teacher

The heartbeat of every school. Best of luck!

Siobhan, SEP

They deserve parity

Mary, SNA

To our secretary Mary Heffernan, Ballyduff NS, Kilmeaden, Co. Waterford, I fully support you and your colleagues strike action and hope it has the desired effect. As an SNA, I know full well what it is like not to have the same entitlements as others. I will show my support to you when you are on the picket lines. Mary Burke.

Aoife

You all do so much for your school. You deserve to be treated with respect and have a proper pension.

Niamh

Caretakers and Secretaries deserve parity of treatment and benefits

Karen, Deputy Principal

Secretaries and Caretakers are the backbone of our schools. They deserve to be treated equitably.

Deirdre, Regional Organiser

I stand with and support our School Secretaries and Caretakers. They play a vital role in our children's schools and education. We need to see Pension Parity in Schools NOW!

Jessica

These are vital roles, our school would not function without them - they should have the basic benefits like their teaching colleagues

Martin, Social care worker

Fully support this. They work hard and deserve basic entitlements that the rest of the public sector get. Stop the two tier system.

Lorraine, Ex school secretary

Best of luck to you all.

Caroline

All people should be entitled to fair pension benefits

Tara

I support this campaign

Marian, Retired

Behind you all the way!

Richard, Clerical Officer

Stay strong guys, your cause is so worthy and most of the population appreciate the very important work you do to keep the schools running.
Best of luck

Derry

We fully support your action. Beir bua!

Michelle

School staff are so important the schools couldn't operate without them!

Shane, Teacher

Fair pensions for all school staff!

Angela , CE Supervisor

Keep on fighting for parity, don't let the government make less of what you do. You are a vital part of the education system and should be treated as such.

Sandra

We hope the hard work and dedication of secretary (Shannen) and caretaker (Willie) Scoile mhuire, Barntown, Wexford is recognised by government by giving them equity in pensions and other public service entitlements.

Cassandra

Keep fighting, you're an integral part of the education system and deserve to be recognised as such!

Jessica

Everyone deserves security

Sally, Data Management

The government needs to plan total infrastructure better that includes fair pay and retirement to everyone involved in critical services.
We attract international business on the basis of a well educated workforce and then rely on teachers and support staff doing free labour to meet that promise. It's disgusting

Miriam, SNA

I fully supported and empathize with all the school secretaries and caretakers across the country. I can firmly sustain school day life wouldn't be standing without their help. Their job is as valuable like any other school staff members job, hence they should be recognised to be entitled to a pension like Teachers & SNAs

Eileen

Our school caretaker and administration staff play a vital role in the school community and the kids are hugely grateful for their work.

I'm stunned there isn't pension parity for all school staff already, given that our children's education would seriously suffer without them.

paula

Solidarity to all school secretaries and caretakers who deserve the same pension rights as the rest of the staff.

Liz, Sna

We all need to be treated the same in our jobs in schools especially the secretaries and caretakers

Lydia, Parent

I support this initiative!

Laura

I fully support all the secretaries and care takers!

Sharon

Wishing you the best of luck with the next few days and hope you get what you rightly deserve

Rachel

If the government doesn't think school administrators and caretakers aren't important enough to get the same treatment as everyone else, they should lay them off and see what happens to the schools. I give it 3 days. Best of luck in your more than fair fight.

Brenda, Digital specialist

I fully support school secretaries and caretakers achieving the same pension, pay and other benefits as those in the school pay bracket. Our schools can't function and kids need their hard work.

Collette , SNA

You 100% are entitled to the same rights as other school staff

Kiran Kumar , Operations Manager

Everyone should be treated equally with benefits.

Louise

Secretaries and caretakers are the backbone of our schools, allowing the teachers get on with teaching our children. They are as much a part of the school community as anyone else and that in 2025, they still don't have pension parity is scandalous. Solidarity with workers on strike.

Clare

I am supporting caroline, Nicola, and Brian who are currently working in my son's school the guys do amazing work and all should be treated equally.

Mary , Retired

Absolutely agree.

Jennifer

The secretaries and care takers are integral to the smooth running of the school and our children's education and they should have much better conditions of employment

Sharon

Our school secretaries and caretakers are what keeps the school going. They deserve a fair pension!

Denise, Laboratory Technician

Best of Luck from Tomás Denise and Willow Sexton 

Colm, Retired

Give them their rights they are entitled to what their senior colleagues have.

Mairead

Good luck, and I hope it all goes your way.

Niamh, SNA

I support the decision. Fair pay and conditions for all staff in schools is vital for good moral in the work place.

Nivard, Family Therapist

A chairperson of the local primary school you have my full support

Elizabeth , Nurse

Treat all workers equally

Helen, Special Education Teacher

Working in a school, I see daily the immense contribution that school secretaries and caretakers make to our school communities. They deserve parity of pay and public service rights. I call on the government and Department of Education to take action now.

Gayle

Good luck! You deserve a pension

Eileen

Fair treatment for all

Dean, Teacher

Stand up to this injustice, don't let them treat you this way.

Anne, Supply Teacher

I honesty don't know what we'd would do without our secretaries and caretakers ..Jean and our new secretary and Thomas our caretaker..and all the caretakers and secretaries before them like Charles and Paula ..and all those in 25 schools I cover...Where would we be..???....Lost ..!!!!..you're sooo important and we cannot do our jobs without you all...

Adrian , Secretary Fórsa Kildare Local Government

We stand with our colleagues in the Fórsa Education Division, 2,800 school secretaries and caretakers on picket lines outside their schools from 28th August 2025, fighting to get public service pensions.

Orela

Well done to all the staff standing up for themselves, you're the backbone of our schools and our parents will be completely lost without ye. Wait for what you deserve, you will always have her back.

Carmel, Teacher

Solidarity to all secretaries and caretakers striking!

Siobhain, Stay at home parent

Pay parity, pension parity, holiday parity. Equality for all secretaries.

Eleanor , Nurse

Equal pension pay for all staff that contribute to the smooth running of our schools. They simply wouldn't run without them.

Miriam , SNA

Our schools simply could not function without our secretaries and caretakers. Your work is invaluable. You deserve equal rights. I stand in solidarity. Best of luck over the next couple of days.

Sandra

I agree that there should be parity for all.

Rebecca, Senior Clinical Psychologist

I fully support the strike action for pension parity. This shouldn't have had to come to strike action to disrupt the education of our children. I hope that a fair and just resolution can be quickly reached.

Sandra, SNA

Best of luck guys stay strong

Kathleen

I support you all

Trish, Sna

We 100% support you all in your fight for fairness & equality & your right to be treated & to get the same as the rest of us. Its only fair. Good luck from us all. We will be rooting for you 🙏❤️

Teresa

Standing with you

Barbara, SNA

We are fully in support of you all, we see on a daily basis how hard you work.

Theresa

I fully support this petition and stand by all these vital school services.

Chris

You should get the same benefits as the teachers

Mel

I fully support this campaign. The members of staff are the lifeblood of all schools

Hannah, Family support and education lead

Secretaries and care takers are vitally important to schools. They should absolutely receive a decent pension for their dedication.

Nuala

Supporting you all in this fight

Claire

In Ireland, equal rights to pay are protected under the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015, which grant a legal right to equal pay for 'like work' (same or similar work, or work of equal value) for all workers. The wording here is of "equal value". Schools are overburdened as it stands today, without all members of staff present and being remunerated accordingly regardless of their position our children cannot thrive in their school. Immediate action is required by our government. I fully support all members of staff on strike and hold our government fully accountable for the disruption to our children's education, teachers and principals. Our government has consistently failed these staff members by denying them their rights.

Mary, SNA

I wish you all every success in your fight for what should be rightfully yours !
In solidarity , Mary F

Aideen

Best of luck ye deserve this!

Thomas, Stiles supervisor

Release the pensions !

Orla

We parents stand with ALL school staff to receive parity of pay, terms and conditions. A school cannot run without secretaries, caretakers and other support staff!

Mary, Bus escort

Better pay for all

Michelle, Business owner

Fair play for striking. Somethings gotta give. Our school secretary is amazing and deals with my frequent emails and calls back and forth.

Thauthisa, School Secretaries and Caretakers

Our souls and schools were clung
We worked so hard when young
Right to our pensions were hung
This strike tells that "THE BELL WILL BE RUNG"

Eileen , Retired

I support pension parity for all school staff

Catherine, Ops and compliance mgr in a charity

The caretaker and school secretary are integral parts of our school in Firhouse, Dublin 24. They absolutely deserve the same as the teachers.

Pamela

I'm backing the school secretaries and caretakers. They are the heart of every school and entitled to pensions

Lorraine, Teacher

Fully support our secretaries and caretakers

Sinead

School secretaries and caretakers deserve pay justice and pension parity. They are critical to our school communities. As a parent of 3 school children you have my full support.

Katie, National Secretary

Solidarity to our amazing school secretaries and caretakers for taking a stand in pursuance on your claim for pension parity, from your comrades in the services and enterprises division. We look forward to standing shoulder to shoulder with you and we know that your collective strength will help to achieve fairness, stay strong! 🤝

Sandra , SNA

Kerri, we appreciate all you do at Scoil Mhuire. You are an integral part of our team. You should be treated EQUALLY! We are 100% behind you. Sandra 💖

Sarah

Best of luck, it's so well deserved!

Sian, Shop owner

Sending solidarity to you all on your picket

Kate

Our school secretaries and caretakers absolutely deserve pension parity. It's a glaring unfairness that they have been denied it.

Stephen, Primary Teacher

Some cogs are big, some are small, but every cog makes our school move and none more so than our secretaries and caretakers. Good luck!

Maria, HSE employee

You deserve the same terms and conditions of employment as any other public sector worker. I am shocked to discover you do not receive a public sector pension. This must be rectified. I fully support you all.

Fiona , Engineer

Best of luck

Susan, GP

I wrongly assumed there would've been pension parity for these valuable school workers

Deirdre

Disgraceful, fair pensions for all staff

Amandeep Singh

We support you in your campaign.

Laurie, Development Officer

Just offering words of support for your collective actions, community solidarity and working together as union members is imperative for positive change to take place. Support each other through this process and all the best for your campaign

Christine , Teacher

Well done, Laura! Everyone in Scoil Mhuire Clifden appreciates all the hard work you do behind the scenes, and we hope your pay,pension, and conditions of employment greatly improve as a result of this industrial action.

Frank , Station Attendant

Stick with it. The country is behind you, a.l the way.

Sinead

We are in support of you all and all you do for the school. Stay strong.

Karie, Speech and language therapist

Solidarity with the amazing secretaries and caretakers. I interact with so many of them through and they are the backbone of schools !

Joanne, Departmental Staff

Wish Lisa of Sooeey NS and all other secretaries and caretakers the best of luck. They deserve better.

Daniel

Solidarity to all those striking for pension parity! Stand strong!

Nicola

Secretary's and care takers are the heart and soul of our school - we stand with you all

Elaine, SNA

Best of luck hope ye get the result you want from the dept

Keith, Clerical Officer, Wicklow County Council

You deserve the same entitlements that all public service employees get! Good on ye, grind that system to a halt until they give in!

Paul

I used to work in second level teaching and my wife still does, we have one lad starting senior infants tomorrow.

We know how important both secretaries and caretakers are to successful running of schools and ensuring students are happy in our schools. You deserve every bit of what you're looking for and more.

Up the workers!!

Marianne , Parent

Best of luck to all striking! Fingers crossed for you, fair pay and pensions for all 🙏

Mary T , Sna

Best of luck! Ye'll be missed whole strike is on!

Sinéad

Standing with you in your fight, secretaries keep schools running and in justice should have pensions paid!

Sarah, Teacher

Solidarity to all our colleagues fighting this injustice today.

Mary, Nurse

Well done Lisa. You've got this! I support you. Here's to pension justice for all school staff.

Cecily

So true we need it for every member of staff across the board

Karen, School parent

Best of luck to you all as you start your strike tomorrow. You are vital to the schools you serve and a pension is the absolute least you deserve. I hope the Department sees sense and that you are successful and get the outcome you want. Sending you solidarity and good thoughts, good luck comrades.

Anne

Fair play please.

Aideen, SNA

Best of luck to our Secretaries and Caretakers with this strike. You are valued worker's in our schools and everything you do is most appreciated. The school's could not function without you. We know you go above and beyond everyday supporting the whole school community. We are 100% behind you!

Marian, Teacher

We fully support your strike action ! You are the backbone of our school and you deserve pay parity, pensions and more!

Barbara

Good luck!!

Roslyn

Sending support

Thomond, Deputy Principal

Go n-éirí libh - Ní neart go cur le chéile!

Evanne, Retired nurse

I have worked in special education for a while as a nurse and value the work and professionalism of the staff mentioned. I am a grandmother of 7 and an aunt of 2 Autistic boys . These people benefit and benefitted very much from the care they received and security they felt . My own adult children did not have this advantage

Carol, Cardiac Physiologist

We appreciate the staff, the whole team!! Hoping those in positions of authority do the right thing!!

Ian

Its a disgrace. Schools wouldnt function without them. Support them like every other teacher!!!!

Mirela, Teacher

Standing in solidarity with all caretakers and secretaries on strike. Your hard work, dedication, and voices matter—thank you for fighting for the respect and fairness you deserve.

William

You work so hard for so many pupils, of all ages and ability, staff and your local community. You deserve everyone's support to resolve this issue.

Deirdre, Teacher

We support you and stand behind you...you are not alone.

Denise, Retail assistant

Hope they get what every other working person gets can't believe they have been excluded WHY?

Martina, Homemaker

Absolutely correct to stand up for what should be a given right

Frank, Bookseller

My late sister was a school secretary.. she worked very hard but died young at 63.. in her memory and for justice I support the campaign ..she never received a pension...as she died so young.

Pauline

You are valued and so respected for what you do in your role in our school. Wishing you all the strength, courage and determination in your current industrial dispute.

Mary

Shame that you have to strike to get what you are due.

Aileen , SNA

Best of luck to all office staff and caretakers, I hope the government see sense! Ye are an integral part of every school and school community and I hope people truly realise just how important you all are to the running of every school. We would be lost without ye. Fingers crossed ye get what ye truly deserve 🙏❤️

Brenda, Mother/Family Carer

Hello

I just wanted to send you my full support today. You deserve to have public service pensions. School secretaries and caretakers do amazing work every day, and they deserve to be recognized for it. They also deserve to have proper wages and pensions. Wishing you the best of luck with your fight.

Regards

Brenda

Elaine, UX Designer

All working people should be earning a pension from their employer. It's ridiculous that our school secretaries and janitors have to strike to affect the change that they deserve.

Laura

Fair pensions for all school staff

Lorraine, Teacher

In full support of our wonderful secretaries and caretakers!

Lourda, Teacher

Let's get what these hard-working people deserve.

Trine

Keep up the fight, the fight for what's right. You got this!

Denise, Retired SNA

I believe for years the position of school secretary's and caretakers has been undermined. I totally believe they should get public service pensions. I wish them luck in their endeavours.

Elaine

Know that you are the heart and soul of every school community and you have our support. Do not back down until they do right by you.

Nessa

School secretaries and caretakers are the backbone of our schools – your work is invaluable, and schools simply cannot function without you. It is only fair and right that ye are extended the same rights as others in a school setting. This is long overdue, and it is time your contribution to education is properly recognised. Hopefully this issue is resolved as a matter of urgency. I wish you all the best!

Fiona, Parent

Fully support the campaign for equitable pay and conditions for secretaries and caretakers in our schools.

Amy

Staff should receive equal compensation and benefits for their efforts. I hope the secretaries & care takers who have fallen between the cracks all these years get what they are entitled to - Equality.

Eileen

Good luck

Michael , Retired

I wish to show my support in your just efforts to obtain public service pensions. I am 20 years retired and can't believe the government are treating you in such a dreadful manner. It is certainly time for them to realise the important work you do do in the running of our schools.

Edel, SNA

I support the Caretaker and secretaries in my school in their action.

Emer, Senior Physiotherapist

You are the backbone of our education system and should be treated accordingly.

Graham, Collection Analyst

Best of luck

Nathan

Fair play

Marisha

Fair pensions and pay our secretary and caretakers in Carraroe National School sligo and all schools

Philomena

I wish you all the best and hope you get this sorted.

Cathriona , Full time Carer

We fully support Deirdre and Paul. Both lovely people who we value very much in our local school. So pleasant and very helpful to our children and ourselves. Cathriona and Austin Harrison

Sarah, SNA

Wishing you all the very best of luck. Thinking of you all standing together and hoping the department will start talking very soon and it will be sorted for you at last. All of you deserve the very best and the same rights as us all. Mind yourselves and stand tall together

Susan

I support them

Laura

Sending you all best wishes and hoping things go your way! You are vital to our day to day!

Niall , Construction

Aye, you Get that money babes

Ele

My family stands with all the teachers on strike so that they treated fairly and get what they are entitled to . They teach our children to prepare them for the future.

Johanna

The secretary and caretaker in my childrens school are amazing and an important part of my childrens school lives. They are cared for as much(some days more) than their Unit/mainstream teachers. They deserve so much more credit.

Shirley, Receptionist

I fully support all school staff including school caretaker and secretary, they do so much more behind the scenes and keep the school functioning, Both Ger & Sue in Kilrane national school deserve the same entitlement as all school staff.

Helen, Retired school secretary

Well done all

Hazel, Preschool educator

Deirdre and Paul are a great asset to the school, with the everyday running of it. I would be lost without Deirdre over the years. She is always only a phone call away to help with anything and everything!! Paul is so friendly and a hard worker around the school. He is liked by all. Best of luck to you both.

Aideen

Secretary's and caretakers are incredibly important parts of any school.

Michelle

Paul & Deirdre Huge part of running of Carraroe N/S and deserve to get the public service pension

Ashling , Customer Service

The secretaries and caretakers are the backbone of every school. Without them schools would not run half as efficiently. To not treat and respect them as other members of staff is terrible and abhorrent. Many children struggle with school and especially my son. Without the help of the amazing secretary in his school he would have struggle so much. So please value our school secretaries and caretakers with respect and rights they truly deserve.

Margaret

Stay strong, you's deserve your pensions as you's work in a very important job ,

Rosalind

We're all behind you! 🙌

Brendan, Retired Secondary teacher.

Best of luck with your campaign.

John, Retired Principal (Primary)

Keep up the good fight. Secretaries and caretakers need to be treated fairly. Disgraceful it is taking so long for this to happen.

Olivia, Teacher

Schools can't operate without secretaries and they deserve better pay and conditions.


Dan

Up the secs

Finola, Special Needs Assistant

Fully support our secretary in their action and efforts to rightfully access work pensions. Know that the work you do is recognized, essential and appreciated by all in the school.

Bernice

I support you in your actions 

Noel, Teacher

I am in solidarity with the secretaries and caretakers. They do so much unseen work in a school and are an essential part of our education service

Chloe

Debby, we are all behind you and support you 100%. The work you do every single day supporting the kids and staff deserves this.

Mairead

We appreciate everything you do for the school and all the children, thank you

Barbara

All these people are part of the school family and they are doing so valuable work for school and kids. They deserve right treatment and future support as the rest of the school staff.

Chloe , Secretary & caretakers

Fair pensions for all!!

Anthony

Keep fighting for your right to a pension.

Andrew , Finance

Well done to all who are on strike to ensure they have the same rights as most of the work force. In a different industry you would be entitled to a pension and I don't get why schools would be any different!

Agnija , Admin

All School Staff deserves much much more. I as a parent can say school secretary has been always amazing and more than helpful, I'm sending my kids to school with peace in my heart because of school staff.

Marie, Teacher & Parent

You are the essential part of schools all over the country. It is long overdue that you are treated fairly. Stay strong!

Conor, Councillor - Dublin North West

Full support to our school secretaries and caretakers - pension parity now!

Carmel, Support Worker

As a previous part time secretary in a school for 10 years. the current issues are some of the reasons why I left the area. Best wishes and I hope there is a positive outcome for all

Caroline

Best of luck!

James

I lend my total support to the folks on strike for a great cause. A pension is a basic right when in the working world and it's a disgrace to see how the secretary's and caretakers are being treated. You deserve better and thank you for all your contributions to our schools.

S

Good luck for the strike School Secretaries and Caretakers - you deserve to be treated the same as other school staff.

Dave

It's disgraceful this is even an issue in 2025.
Best of luck and stay the course till ye achieve what is necessary.

Danielle

Fair pay and conditions for all the staff who look after our children

Rachel

School secretaries are an integral and vital part of our school communities.

Lincy

School can't run with these employees

James, software developer

I knew only kindness from every school secretary up through my sometimes messy school life and I'm outraged that any government would seek to deny them a pension.

Jenny

I fully support this strike action. School secretaries and caretakers are a crucial part of every school and are entitled to parity of pension with their colleagues

Deirdre, Medical secretary

As being a staff member of a roll of secretary all staff should be treated equally as i am in my role

Rebecca

Wishing all the school secretaries and caretakers the best of luck in their strike action and getting the recognition they deserve.

Máire

We parents see and benefit from all your dedication and hard work. A fair pension is more than well deserved.

MICHELLE, Social Worker

Support these essential staff with there requests for appropriate financial conditions

Ruth

Fully supportive of your cause.

linda

Should be allowed,

Nicola, Service advisor

All school staff should have the same pension writes.

Rova

Standing together for pension parity 🙏 every member of school staff in Ireland deserves fair recognition and equal rights for their future. Equal work, equal pension.

Marianne

Parity for secretaries please.

Elaine

Supporting all secretary's and caretakers

Marion

All school staff deserve public service pensions!

Bernadette, Executive Officer



AnnMarie, Teacher

My school secretary goes above and beyond for our school. She often does so much in the background unknown to many. And I am 100% positive that all other secretaries across the country are this way. Secretaries, we stand with you!

Olivia

Absolutely totally agree that people working in the Education Sector as support staff should receive all the conditions of employment that other workers get

Karen

Message of support for all school secretaries. I trust that fairness and what's just will prevail.

Breda , Teacher

These people are the heartbeat of every school, they deserve what they're asking for.

Lisa

The school secretary is an integral part of all schools. They are involved in all aspects of the day to day and over all running of the schools while also supporting the teachers . Absolutely fully support this action .

mark

I want to express my full support for school secretaries and caretakers in their fight for fair treatment and recognition. These staff members are the backbone of our schools — ensuring that they run smoothly, safely, and efficiently every single day.

It is unacceptable that, despite their vital contribution to our education system, school secretaries and caretakers are denied the same pension entitlements as teachers. Every member of the school community deserves dignity, security, and equality in retirement.

Equal work deserves equal respect — and that includes a fair pension.

Janet, Retired

I support the secretaries actions 100%. Ive been saying for years they do not get enough pay and need better terms of contract

Finbar, Film maker

Our school secretary for Blackwater National School is every bit as important as the teachers within it. Without her, the school experience for our children and us as parents would be severely impacted and she and other like her deserved to be treated and paid as so for their important work.

Laura, Clerical officer

Shocked to find out national school support staff are not employed as state employees and are not receiving state pensions etc. given they work in a national schools. Of course they should be entitled to same and feel that they have job security that other state employees have.

Charlotte , Carer

Please Ireland, take care of the people who take care of people 🇮🇪 🙏

Patricia, Support Manager

My dad has been a caretaker of the primary school for two decades. In his time there, he has never missed a "first day back to school". He's never been off for longer than a week sick, he's always gone above and beyond, the first there every morning and the last to leave. He does more than "cut the grass" or "bring the bins in". He is the one that all students, both present and past remember, no matter how long they've been out of school. He's the one that made school memorable for hundreds of children who went

through the school.

My dad is nearing retirement, and yet after his years of backbreaking work, he's not entitled to a pension. He is treated like a second class worker in a school he's been in longer than most of the teachers.

This industrial action is for every caretaker and secretary, those currently fighting for a pension and those who retired with a 'thank you' and some flowers, left to survive without a pension they should be entitled to.

All people with a shred of respect and common decency should be standing with our caretakers and secretaries until they are treated the way they should be, correct pension parity, sick leave and the proper respect in a system that relies on them

Gráinne, Parent

Caithriona, sending all our support, you do so much for the school and all the kids in Goatstown, we hope you get the pension & rights of all other staff 🙌❤️

Grace

We stand with you Lisa 🍷 Soeey national school

Simon

Everyone is fully behind you! Stay the course 🙌

Katrina

I support the secretaries and caretakers 100%

Ruth

Best of luck, you deserve better.

Kelley

I hope you get recognized for your amazing contributions to our children's education!!

Nawel

We stand in solidarity with all the school staff . Critical to our school support, they enable our communities and support us . Kindly , Nawel

Mairead , SNA

I fully support the secretaries and caretakers to have the same rights as everyone.

Jane

Please resolve the pension issue of the secretaries/care takers of the school as they play a massive role in the school functioning.

Christina, special Needs Asistant

i supooort all secretaries and caretakers who are looking to get their public service pension.

Saoirse

FAIR PENSIONS FOR ALL STAFF !!!!

David

Our schools couldn't function without the vital work that you do, and it's high time the government recognised that. Wishing you good luck, and good weather on the picket lines! In solidarity.

Dominika

This is your right ! Fight for it!

Caroline, SNA

You deserve everything you are entitled to

Nicola

It's very sad that this has to be fought for. Equal rights should be standard.

Christine, Finance manager

Fully support everyone deserves to have a pension. We are all human beings

Michael , Account manager

Standing up for what's right!

Kevin

I stand in support with the school secretaries and caretakers, their responsibilities are very important in that where the school doings are concerned, i hereby strongly say that the government should consider their requests put forward.

Leonie, Pharmacist

Pension parity is the least they deserve

Laura

I fully support all school secretaries and caretakers

Gillian

You deserve a better package! We stand with you!

LINDA, SNA

They deserve to have all the rights as us all

Robert , Deputy Principal

I stand alongside our fantastic secretaries and caretakers. They deserve pension parity with their colleagues. Change is needed now for equality.

Aoife, Lecturer

I fully support school secretaries and caretakers in their request for pension rights and other conditions in line with teachers, SNAs and other public service workers.

Eddie

Give them what they deserve as the school would not run without the tirelessly day to day actions from paul and dierdra

Deirdre, Teacher

It's high time the department recognised the crucial work school secretaries and care takers do every day and treated them fairly. Pension parity needs to be resolved asap.

Thomas

Good luck to you all, I fully support the action you are taking, you are the backbones of schools and your contribution needs the recognition it deserves in the form of a fair pension.

Niamh

I support the staff

Tracey

Fully in support of this action. Our caretaker is the heart of our school.

Shannon, Chef



Kim

We believe in equal benefits and supports for secretaries and caretakers as employees of our schools as every other employee of the dept of educatiob

Deirdre

Caretakers and secretaries are the back bone of school life hive them what they deserve.

Thomas, Social Care Leader

I wholeheartedly support the actions of our school secretaries and care takers and hope this will be sorted immediately.

Jenny

I support all the staff with all my heart, you deserve more than what you are asking and is shameful you have to fight fir it,

Jacqui , SNA

Good luck to all the secretaries and caretakers especially our own Eithne and Phil at Griffeen valley Educate Together NS

Laura

Secretaries and caretakers are a vital part of our school. They deserve to be treated fairly. Our children shouldn't have to suffer due to the Department of Education being unfair and leaving these talks so late/close to the start of the school year.

Patrick, Garda

I support all school caretakers and secretaries in their fight for pensions and equal rights. Twice in my Garda career we had to threaten to strike. Fortunately, agreement was reached in both cases. I really can't believe that the relevant government depts have allowed this to escalate to strike action. You deserve what you are looking for.

Alastair

School Secretaries and Care Takers need proper pensions

Carmel, SNA

They should get what they're intilted to .they work as hard as everyone else and it's not a bit fair that they don't get what everyone else gets .it's so wrong 😞

Laura

Our secretary Lorraine and Caretaker Mick are fundamental to the daily running and upkeep of our school. Without all the hard work and effort these two exceptionally loyal staff members our school would not run half as efficiently. They are both the backbone of our school and we stand in solidarity with them.

sally, Parent

We support our school secretary in seeking parity re pensions.

Emma, Revenue Manager

I stand with the school secretary and caretakers of the schools who are the backbone of the school community. Not only in the job they are hired for but also for their care and support provided for children, teachers and parents alike. Equal rights is the very least they deserve.

Anum

I strongly believe the helping and maintenance staff who are often neglected yet most important part of the system are blatantly ignored. We want equal and fair facilities and pensions for them.

Karen, Teacher

Fair pensions for all school staff

Naomi

Caretakers and receptionists are fundamental to the running of any school n should therefore get pension benefits