# Birmingham braced for school strikes



### Council's delay to settling equal pay claims to blame.

GMB Union has today announced that workers at Birmingham City Council have voted in favour of supporting strike action.

The outcome comes as Council bosses have been slammed for delaying the settlement of equal pay claims made by low paid women workers at the council.

Workers at thirty-five city schools have voted to back the action, with 96 per cent supporting industrial action.

Strike dates will be announced in the coming weeks.



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#### Alice Reynolds, GMB Organiser, said:

"Almost a year since Council bosses admitted an equal pay bill as high as £760 million, not one single women worker has received the money they're owed

"Birmingham City Council owe GMB members money after years of stolen wages, the equal pay crisis only ends when our members claims are settled.

"This is no longer about sending messages; workers are now taking matters into their own hands.

"Birmingham's schools cannot run without our members and this strike action will have a huge impact.

"Council bosses are fast running out of time to fix this."

#### Birmingham Schools where GMB members have voted to back strike action are:

Arden Primary School

**Beeches Junior School** 

Benson Community School

Boldmere Infants & Nursery School

Bordesley Green East Nursery School

Bordesley Green Primary School

Chad Vale Primary School

Cherry Orchard Primary School

Chilcote Primary School

Clifton Primary School

Colmore Infant & Nursery School

Colmore Junior School

Elms Farm Primary School



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Forestdale Primary School

George Dixon Primary School

Gunter Primary School

Harborne Primary School

Hodge Hill Girls School

Jakeman Nursery School

James Watt Primary

Kings Heath Primary School

Lozells Junior & Infant School

Marsh Hill Nursery

Minworth J & I School

Nelson Mandela School

**Newtown Nursery School** 

Redhill Primary School

St. Benedicts Infants

St. James C E Primary School Handsworth

Stanville Primary School

Wheelers Lane Primary

Worlds End Junior School

Yardley Primary School

Yardley Wood Community Primary School

Yorkmead Junior & Infants School



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