## nipsa The Leading Public Service Union CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS NEED YOUR SUPPORT

# DEFEND CHILDRENS' EDUCATION

## STOP ATTACKS ON CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS TERMS & CONDITIONS

Classroom Assistants went on strike to preserve and have recognised three key points:

• Defend their right to pay rates based on the 32.5 hour school working week;

• Stop their special needs allowance of 65 pence per hour being taken away;

• Maintain recognition of their NVQ Level 3 qualifications.

#### What about the £15m payout?

Classroom Assistants are being asked to sell out all their rights and accept pay rate cuts for a one off net payment of just  $\pounds 1,100$  or  $\pounds 1,700$  only. No Way!

The 3 points above are key to a properly funded

education system, where the community as a whole receives quality front line service in the classroom. Anything other than that is a cut in service, a cut in real quality terms, and an unacceptable attack on our childrens future.

Classroom workers have not given up nor gone into hiding, but are providing a window of opportunity to management who have consistently failed in 12 years to come to the table with what is rightly ours.

Classroom workers want the public and parents to understand that we have suspended this strike to demonstrate that patience and care is what we are about, but to know that we will return to the picket lines on 30th October if the boards do not resolve this properly.

SUPPORT OUR FIGHT FOR JUSTICE & EQUALITY

### Support Classroom Assistants' fight

- to defend their rights
- fair and just pay
- a better education for all children in the future.

## Call on your MP, MLA, Local Councillor to demand fair pay and justice for Classroom Assistants.

If you would like additional information please talk to the strikers or contact NIPSA by e-mail: nipsa517@seelb.org.uk