

# *the threat to our* **SCHOOL MEALS**

*Derbyshire County Council is seeking to cut the hours of school catering staff. This could have far reaching effects on the ability to provide a proper nutritious lunchtime meal for your children.*

UNISON – the union representing the majority of staff – opposes the plans.

Our members are angry at facing pay cuts after years of dedication providing this essential service.

They are also irate that all their suggestions to tackle the crisis have been ignored. Instead, they've been told they will be sacked unless they accept the changes.

Catering staff are already amongst the lowest paid workers in the council. Now they face losing up to £1,200/yr. Our members can't afford to lose over £100 monthly. Some fear they will have to turn to foodbanks for help.

Others will have their hours cut below the level where they can receive in-work benefits. Some will have to seek alternative jobs. This could plunge the council deeper into difficulties as it finds it is unable to maintain even a reduced service.



Many school catering staff work extra time daily – unpaid – to keep the service going. Our members are calling for action to stop the cuts and will play their part in trying to keep current levels.

**But these cuts will affect the whole community. The inevitable result of the council's plans will be a worsening of the service. Workers fear there will simply not be enough time left for them to provide a daily nutritious meal for every child who needs one.**

So, UNISON wants you to help.

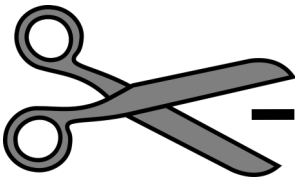


## Here's how you can register support for your children's school catering teams

- Return the slip below, no stamp needed. Alternatively, email your support
- Tell the head teacher and chair of governors of your worries
- Contact your county councillor and MP. Find details at [www.writetothem.com](http://www.writetothem.com)
- Call or email us for a supply of these leaflets to distribute

how can I help?

IF YOU HELP DELIVER PUBLIC SERVICES, THEN YOU TOO SHOULD BE IN UNISON. JOIN THE UK'S LARGEST TRADE UNION AT [JOINUNISON.ORG](http://JOINUNISON.ORG)



*I support school catering workers' campaign to oppose cuts to the service.*

*I am deeply concerned the proposals will affect standards and the ability for children to access a proper lunchtime hot meal.*

*I want Derbyshire County Council to think again.*

**Name**

**Schools my children attend**

Return to: **UNISON, Freepost, Matlock, DE4 9BR**  
or via email (see details right)

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