

# WHAT'S HAPPENING.

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## SCHOOL CATERING UPDATE DON'T PANIC!



Last week the branch carried out meetings across the county to talk to members. The meetings were very well attended and showed there is a real strength of feeling about the changes Derbyshire County Council are trying to impose on you. It is very clear that members are not prepared to accept these devastating changes and want to take action.

If you did not manage to attend a meeting please note that our advice remains the same - DO NOT ACCEPT these changes voluntarily.

### **Next steps:**

We want to ensure we reach all our members and will be calling you via telephone during the coming weeks to catch up with you, check how you are

affected and give advice. If you know we don't have your number and would like us to contact you, please call the branch office on 01629 582266 to update your details or email [branch@unisondc.co.uk](mailto:branch@unisondc.co.uk)

We are leafleting a number of schools in key areas to gain parental support. We will let you know when and where this is happening as we would welcome your help.

A consultative ballot (questionnaire) will be sent to all affected members in the coming weeks - please ensure you have your say and return the ballot form. It is important you all take part.

Please encourage your colleagues to join UNISON if they are not currently members. If they have a mobile phone, they can do this on the spot by going to [joinunison.org](http://joinunison.org)

Finally, thank you to those who have stepped up to be a workplace contact/ UNISON advocate; we will be in touch very soon.

If further letters arrive from DCC in the next few days, do not panic. Further UNISON advice will soon follow. UNISON are committed to supporting you throughout this unsettling time.

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