



Dear Member,

You are receiving this email as a GMB member who works within Surrey County Council, or a Surrey County Council maintained school.

Thank you to those members who continue to update their membership contact details, this is important not just for this ballot, but also just to ensure GMB has the correct contact details for you going forward.

All industrial action ballots must be conducted by post and are governed by restrictive UK law. We are therefore taking this time to make sure we have the correct contact details for all members which will provide the best chance of reaching the 50 per cent turnout of members required in this ballot of public sector workers, giving you the option of showing your employer you are worth more.

Due to this process, we are looking to open our ballot later than planned and when open we will run the ballot for 4 weeks so that it supports the best chance of reaching the 50 per cent threshold regardless of how members wish to vote.

This is likely to mean that if our members vote in favour of strike action and reach the threshold of 50 per cent, industrial action won't begin until September 2023 when all our school members are back at work and those in central local government services have returned from summer leave.

The council can meet us at any time to resolve our dispute and we will keep you updated if they do. Pay agreements are backdated to 1st April.

If you like to check that your details are correct, please email us on infoso@gmb.org.uk

There is of course still time to join the GMB and be included in the ballot, which you can do by going to www.gmb.org.uk/join-gmb

I will be in touch again shortly.

Regards

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Senior Organiser