

# **NORTHERN IRELAND TEACHERS' COUNCIL**

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Today (23 April 2020) the Northern Ireland Teachers' Council (NITC) – the body which makes up the Teachers' Side of the Teachers' Negotiating Committee has announced that it will be accepting the terms of the Pay and Workload Agreement presented to them on 8 April 2020.

The NITC is comprised of the 5 recognised trade unions (INTO, NAHT, NASUWT, NEU and UTU).

Each union has consulted with its own membership and has received approval to ratify the Agreement.

The deal gives effect to a pay award for teachers in Northern Ireland of 2.25% from September 2017, and an additional 2% from September 2018.

A spokesperson for the NITC said:

*“The NITC will be accepting the terms of the Agreement.*

*The pay increase for 2017-18 and 2018-19 breaks the public sector pay cap and delivers a level of pay which is line with colleagues in the rest of the UK for the same pay periods.”*

*“The NITC will now begin the process of submitting a pay claim for 2019-20 and 2020-21 which addressed the losses against inflation, and which will be benchmarked against neighbouring jurisdictions.”*

*“This agreement delivers contractual protections to teachers from excessive workload now. The NITC will be working with the employers to ensure that the new working arrangements are in place in all schools from September.*

*“The nine review areas have the potential to reshape the education system over the coming years in a way which mutually benefits teachers, principals and employers.*

*The trade unions are fully prepared to work together in the interest of all teachers and principals”*