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LABOUR COMMITS TO NATIONAL PAY AND CONDITIONS FOR SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF

THE LABOUR PARTY has announced that if elected it will introduce national pay and conditions for school support staff, just like teachers.

Labour tried to do this when it was last in government by setting up the School Support Staff Negotiating Body (SSSNB). But the Conservatives and Lib Dems scrapped the new body before it had a chance to get going. Now Labour's education manifesto says Labour will put national negotiations for school support staff back in place.

Labour's education spokesman Tristram Hunt says he wants support staff to "get a fair deal". "It is time their contribution was recognised", he added.

Labour has also pledged to protect the education budget, including early years, schools and post-16 education and skills.

The SSSNB was originally set up by Labour in 2009 to design a new national pay framework for support staff in England. It was intended to play a role similar to the Teachers' Pay Review Body.

The Conservatives and Lib Dems abolished the SSSNB shortly after they came to power in 2010. They said it didn't "fit well" with their desire "for greater deregulation of the pay and conditions arrangements for the school workforce".

Avril Chambers, GMB National Officer for Schools, said: "GMB was instrumental in establishing the School Support Staff Negotiating Body the first time round. We welcome the Labour Party's manifesto commitment to reinstate it.

"GMB has campaigned for years for support staff to have parity with teachers over the setting of pay and conditions. Currently, support staff are paid differently by every local authority and often differently by individual schools and academies within them. There is little proper training and development and there are few career opportunities.

"A national negotiating body for school support staff involving GMB would give us the opportunity to put all this right."

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LABOUR'S MANIFESTO PLEDGES

Labour recognises the important work undertaken by school support staff and we will reinstate the School Support Staff Negotiating Body set up by the last Labour Government.

Labour will protect the entire education budget from early years through to post-16 education.

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