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The Coronavirus outbreak is exceptionally difficult for everyone and is having a huge impact on all our lives. Our thoughts go out to all of you who are particularly affected.

We know that due to existing gender inequality, the situation will have a **significant impact on women**. Schools closing and family illness will exacerbate women's existing unpaid caring responsibilities. The surge in specific public services like the NHS and care work will put a huge strain on their staff - the majority of whom are women.

Respect to EVERYONE on the frontline – stay safe

The impact on our work

With the situation rapidly evolving and new decisions being made that affect our families, livelihoods, and physical and mental health, it is vital that people have their voices heard and their needs met. Our national office is asking for people to share their stories on how the crisis is affecting them, their families and those around them. Email into Info@lincunison.org.uk and we'll send them through.

I'm regularly posting to our Facebook site with regular updates and useful weblinks. These also show on the web page.

Find our Facebook page at Lincolnshire County UNISON

Webpage link is <http://www.lincolnshireunison.org/>



Have you've spotted the Rainbow and wondered what its all about? During this time of self-isolation homes are creating a rainbow to display in windows for other children to spot when out on their family walk – in line with current Gov guidance. Creating some spots of colour during these difficult times. Mine's up!
This is a neighbour's in mv Close.

NOT in UNISON? Join today

Contact the branch office 01522 554910

email info@lincunison.org.uk

Join online at <https://www.lincolnshireunison.org/join-us-today/ways-to-join>

REALLY useful weblinks!

At the moment what we all need is advice and guidance on how to navigate this extremely challenging time for the whole world. Here's a list of useful websites with a brief description.

COVID-19 Dir.Gov website

COVID-19: guidance for residential care, supported living and home care

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-residential-care-supported-living-and-home-care-guidance?fbclid=IwAR3k7IqjgE6SZ7kVVlzcXax44xIlgAcabkK1C4GoAQkjfgZMK8tr4MaKOAU>

COVID-19: guidance for school-based staff

https://www.unison.org.uk/at-work/education-services/key-issues/covid-19-closures/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Covid-19+branch+circular&utm_source=Education&utm_content=Read+the+UNISON+advice&fbclid=IwAR1cJ5XumInLBeAm4VAIklyYwaU5DYOF8o4DdNDH2ajJsIb7op6sgOQAfSU

UNISON help at work - has useful link to other advice sites

https://www.unison.org.uk/coronavirus-rights-work/?fbclid=IwAR1S_00I9MkkaAXmWUjW_HfOpDCOA2sGqxuTw2Ne4-fMN8DI7HNACaqoibs

Coronavirus UNISON helping members financially There for You

<https://www.unison.org.uk/news/article/2020/03/coronavirus-unison-helping-members-financially/?fbclid=IwAR1U7JD4NGbDAVg1pQfVTvEiFajbwOIECgy7Q2UEn3dWPM-CQpkEKdjyeZ0>

There are a number of very useful groups set up on various platforms on the web, including;

Sign up for TUC Education mailing list now and receive regular updates on resources, webinars, and training <http://bit.ly/tuc-education-sign-up>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/198548431595271/> TUC Covid19 support and advice

<https://www.tuc.org.uk/blogs/coronavirus-school-closures-what-are-my-rights-time>

Maternity action have got a really good FAQs page as well as TUC guidance

<https://maternityaction.org.uk/covidmaternityfaqs>

Your existing maternity rights are not affected, here's a link to them on ACAS's website

<https://www.acas.org.uk/your-maternity-leave-pay-and-other-rights>

Our petition calling on the govt to support workers affected by school closures here, we have over 15,000 signatures and we need more!

<https://www.megaphone.org.uk/petitions/coronavirus-nobody-should-lose-their-job-because-their-kids-school-is-closed>

Information is changing hourly, but the message is that a lockdown is the only way to halt this virus. We know we have emergency services that need to operate and be fully supported. Many of our UNISON members are on the front line and caring for your loved ones. Please be kind and careful. Share your wealth, health and goodwill and we will get through this. To those home schooling there are lots of brilliant resources on the web (including Joe Wicks!)