

## School Staff 'false claims' Shock Survey

teaching assistants  
nursery nurses  
secretaries  
learning support  
school meals staff  
caretakers  
cleaners  
librarians  
technicians  
administrators  
bursars  
personal care  
midday supervisors  
learning mentors

**A recent survey has shown that nearly one in three of all staff working in schools has had a false allegation directed against them by pupils.**

Staff affected said their lives were shattered by the false claims. The survey of 1,155 support staff and teachers, said the safety of children was obviously the first concern but argued staff should not be presumed guilty.

The GMB call for head teachers to support their staff during these difficult investigations and not to judge them in advance of a proper investigation.

If you receive an allegation against you make sure you contact the GMB as a matter of urgency on **0845 337 7777**. If you are requested to attend an interview with the police please ensure that you are accompanied by a solicitor from Thompsons, the GMB's legal team. In emergencies you can contact Thompsons Criminal Department direct on **0800 587 7530**.

Never attend an interview with the police by yourself in relation to an allegation made in school. Always make sure you receive representation from our solicitors. We have received evidence that an increasing number of school staff have met with police without the appropriate accompaniment and accepted 'cautions'.

As a result of that acceptance the caution has been added to their CRB which in turn has meant that they are banned from working in schools.

**The GMB is the union for school support staff - if you require a GMB visit to your school, want to become a GMB representative or have a question to ask simply contact [bill.chard@gmb.org.uk](mailto:bill.chard@gmb.org.uk) or ring:**

**0845 337 7777**

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