Dear name of MP

**Stars in Our Schools – UNISON celebrating support staff**

I am writing to tell you about UNISON’s celebration day for school support staff, on **Friday 24 November 2023.** Schools across the UK will be holding events to recognise the wonderful, and often overlooked, work done by school support staff. We would like to invite you to show support for staff in your constituency.

School support staff are so often hidden behind the scenes but they are vital to the education of young people. Their roles are incredibly diverse, from cooks, cleaners and caretakers to family support advisers, teaching assistants, admin staff and school business professionals. They play a vital role in every aspect of school life and without them schools could not run.

We would be delighted if you would show your appreciation for the difference school support staff make to children and young people in our schools, by doing any of the following:

* arrange a visit to a local school to thank support staff for all they do
* Send a message to support staff through social media praising their contributions
* Send a video message to your local schools praising the work of support staff
* Write to school support staff praising their work, possibly sharing a memory or a recent experience you have had with a member of support staff in a school you know well.
* Insert own ideas as appropriate

If you would like any further information on Stars in Our Schools, or would like our support in reaching the schools in your constituency, please contact xxxxxx and visit www.StarsInOurSchools.uk

Yours sincerely

Name

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