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Cleaners to strike at North London school

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Cleaners at Highgate Wood School in North London are mounting a one-day strike on Tuesday November 12th.

The strike follows a six month campaign for improved wages and conditions at the school.

Cleaners at Highgate Wood say they currently work under a wide variety of different terms and conditions. They are campaigning for the London Living Wage, along with equal sick pay, equal holiday allowances, and extra pay for special duties such as spring cleaning. They also want an end to last-minute alterations to their schedules, which they say are a regular occurrence.

CAIWU first contacted the school about the cleaners' requests in May 2019. However, despite initial promise, discussions have failed to result in any progress. Lakethorne promised a range of improvements which have failed to materialise, and the company also pulled out of talks through the ACAS arbitration service at the last minute with no explanation.

The cleaners say a strike is now their only option, and they are anticipating full support amongst their colleagues.

CAIWU's campaign web site is at: <http://caiwu.org.uk/hws/>

Highgate Wood School Cleaners' Strike: Tuesday 12th November; 4pm; Highgate Wood School, Montenotte Road, London N8 8RN

About CAIWU: The Cleaners & Allied Independent Workers Union is a registered trade union representing over a thousand workers mainly in London's cleaning industry. We believe that every human being is entitled to dignity and respect in the workplace, and it is our mission to help our members fight for this basic right, along with others like fair pay, terms and work conditions.

About Lakethorne Group: Lakethorne Group is a privately owned contract cleaning company which places great emphasis on the quality of its service. Lakethorne claims on its web site that its staff are unusually loyal, long-serving and highly motivated.

About Highgate Wood School: Highgate Wood is a mixed comprehensive school with over 1,400 students aged from 11 to 18.

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