

# Hundreds of Heathrow workers begin BA strike ballot



## British Airways faces a gruelling summer of travel chaos

Hundreds of GMB members working as Heathrow check in and ground staff begin voting on strike action today.

If the British Airways workers vote to take industrial action, they would walk out during the summer holiday period.

The ballot ends on 23 June with the result expected the same day.



Workers are furious because a ten per cent pay cut imposed on them during the pandemic has not been reinstated – despite bosses having their pre-covid pay rates reinstated.

While other BA workers have been given a 10 per cent bonus, the check in staff have had nothing.



**Nadine Houghton, GMB National Officer, said:**

"Staff at Heathrow have been verbally and physically abused by angry passengers after British Airways' staff shortages and IT failures nearly brought the airport to a standstill.

"On top of that, they had their pay slashed during BA's callous fire and rehire policy.

"Now they want that money back. Bosses have had it back. Heathrow ground and check in staff want to know why they haven't had it too.

"Unrest is now starting to spread like wildfire to other groups of BA workers with many more now considering a vote to walk out.

"British Airways faces a gruelling summer of travel chaos if they won't give these workers what's rightfully theirs."

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