

Annual Report to Schools - Academic Year 2017 - 2018

This report is issued in accordance with Section 38(3) of the Education Act 2002. It is designed to keep schools and their governing bodies fully informed of documents sent to schools by the Welsh Government over the previous academic year. The report includes a list of documents that were highlighted in our Dysg (pre and post-11) e-newsletters (in alphabetical order, with web links where available).

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Section 1 – Guidance and Information

Policy and Strategy updates

Title	Date	Contact	Focus	New/update/supersedes
14-19 Learning Pathways: Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure reporting requirements – 2018/19	February 2018	Support for Learners Division	Secondary Schools	Updated for 2018/19
A guide to Welsh-medium education and using the language at home	April 2018	Welsh Language Division	All Schools	New Information
A Rapid Evidence Assessment of the effectiveness of educational interventions to support children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder	June 18	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	New Information
A teacher's guide to safeguarding learners online	December 2017	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	New Information
Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Bill gains Royal Assent	January 2018	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	New Information
All Wales Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Educational Settings	September 2017	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	New Information

An introduction to the professional standards for teaching and leadership	April 2018	Pedagogy, Leadership & Prof Learning Division	All Schools	New Information
Animation to help you explore the new Professional Teaching Standards	September 2017	School Effectiveness Division	All Schools	New Information
Available NOW – Draft professional standards for assisting teaching	July 2018	Pedagogy, Leadership & Prof Learning Division	All Schools	New Information
Changes to National School Categorisation System	October 2017	School Effectiveness Division	All Schools	Updated information
Drive to improve maths in schools launched	September 2017	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	New Information
Effective management of workforce attendance	January 2018	School Effectiveness Division	All Schools	Replaces guidance document no: 178/2015
Employing and supporting supply teachers in a school environment	June 2018	Pedagogy, Leadership & Prof Learning Division	All Schools	New Information
Evaluation of Pupil Development Grant	December 2017	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	Third and final report of the Evaluation of the Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG)

Extended Pupil Development Grant to reach well beyond the classroom	June 2018	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	New Information
Guidance – Asbestos management in schools	April 2018	Education Business Planning & Governance	All Schools	Replaces guidance document no: 138/2014
Guidance on the use of emergency adrenaline auto-injectors in schools in Wales	October 2017	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	New Information
Kirsty Williams announces new grant 'PDG – Access'	June 2018	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	New Information
Latest categorisation reveals improvement in school performance	February 2018	School Effectiveness Division	All Schools	Results updated annually
National Academy for Educational Leadership	December 2017	School Effectiveness Division	All Schools	New Information
New guidance available – Sexting: Responding to incidents and safeguarding learners	November 2017	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	New Information
New guidance to support healthy food and drink provision in childcare settings in Wales	July 2018	Support for Learners Division	Primary Schools	New Information

New guide to support the role of the designated person for looked after children in schools	November 2017	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	New Information
New plan for national mission to raise standards – Kirsty Williams	September 2017	education-businessplanninggovernance@gov.wales	All Schools	New Information
New support for education leaders	May 2018	Pedagogy, Leadership & Prof Learning Division	All Schools	New Information
Plan to put education at heart of ambition to achieve a million Welsh speakers by 2050	December 2017	Welsh Language Division	All Schools	New plan - building on the 2010 Welsh-medium Education Strategy
Post-16 Welsh Bacculaureate: recording and measuring outcomes	June 2018	Further Education and Apprenticeships Division	Secondary Schools	New Information
Professional Standards - Information on professional standards that apply to practitioners in Wales.	September 2017	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	New Information
Pupil Development Grant - Access	July 2018	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	New Information
Reducing workload: A guide for teachers and headteachers	December 2017	School Effectiveness Division	All Schools	New Information

School Performance Reporting – Bulletin 5 published	May 2018	School Effectiveness Division	Secondary Schools	New Information
School Performance Reporting – Early Entry Frequently Asked Questions and Bulletin 4 published	February 2018	School Effectiveness Division	Secondary Schools	New bulletin
Supporting Young Carers in Schools: A Step-by-step Guide for Leaders, Teachers and Non-teaching Staff, Wales edition	December 2017	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	New Information
Why should you register your Out of School Childcare Club with CIW?	April 2018	Childcare, Play and Early years	Primary Schools	New Information
Written Statement - Guides to implementing the new additional learning needs system in Wales	July 2018	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	New Information

Curriculum, Qualification and Assessment Guidance

Title	Date	Contact	Focus	New/update/supersedes
Amendments to the Foundation Phase Profile for baseline assessments	September 2017	Curriculum and Assessment Division	Primary Schools	Updated information
Changes to early entry exams announced – Kirsty Williams	October 2017	Curriculum and Assessment Division	Secondary Schools	New Information
Do you need support to deliver financial education in your school?	October 2017	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	New Information
Drive to improve science and technology in schools begins	October 2017	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	New Information
Education Digital Guidance	April 2018	Digital Delivery Unit	All Schools	New Information
End of term progress report (summary)	July 2018	Education Directorate	All Schools	New Information

Final exam results do not yet show full picture, says Education Secretary	December 2017	Curriculum and Assessment Division	Secondary Schools	New Information
Headteacher's Declaration	May 2018	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	Updated for 2018
Key Stages 2-3 Science exemplification materials publication	October 2017	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	New Information
Kirsty Williams: Progress with Wales' national mission for education	July 2018	Education Directorate	All Schools	New Information
Learning Progression for Wales – new report informs a crucial aspect of Wales' curriculum reform.	June 2018	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	New Information
National Reading & Numeracy Tests Diagnostic Support Tools	May 2018	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	Updated for 2018
National Reading and Numeracy Tests 2018	March 2018	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	Updated information for 2018

New Curriculum Special! All your updates on progress in one place	June 2018	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	New Information
No time to wait: digital competence must be a priority	July 2018	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	New Information
Science and design & technology at key stage 2	September 2017	Curriculum and Assessment Division	Primary Schools	New Information
Statutory Assessment Arrangements for the Foundation Phase and Key Stages 2 and 3 – AMENDED	March 2018	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	Replaces guidance document no: 223/2017
The Future of the Sex and Relationships Education Curriculum in Wales	December 2017	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	New Information
Written Statement - New curriculum and assessment arrangements	July 2018	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	New Information

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Section 2 – Resources and Reports

Consultations

Title	Consultation period	Contact
School Organisation Code	30 June 2017 to 30 September 2017	SchoolsManagementDivision3@wales.gsi.gov.uk
A reformed post-compulsory education and training system	20 June 2017 to 23 October 2017	PCETReform@wales.gsi.gov.uk
The Education (Amendments Relating to Teacher Assessment Information) (Wales) Regulations 2018	14 November 2017 to 30 January 2018	CurriculumReformLegislation@gov.wales
Independent review of school teachers' pay and conditions in Wales	18 January 2018 to 1 March 2018	teacherspayandconditionsreview@gov.wales
Amendments to the Education Workforce Council (Membership and Appointment) (Wales) Regulations 2014	22 February 2018 to 4 April 2018	ewc.enquiries@gov.wales
Devolution of teachers' pay and conditions	9 March 2018 to 4 May 2018	SchoolsandYoungPeopleWorkforceUnit@gov.wales
Eligibility for free school meals	6 June 2018 to 14 September 2018	FreeSchoolMealsConsultation@gov.wales

Resources

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Anti-Bullying Resources	November 2017	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	Updated information for 2018
Consistent performance measures for post-16 learning - achievement measures data tables	28 February 2018	Further Education and Apprenticeships Division	Secondary Schools	Updated information for 2018. Copy of letter provided on request
Information for parents/carers Yr 2-9 - Reading and Numeracy Tests in Wales	April 2018	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	Updated for 2018
National Education Conference for Secondary Headteachers and key stakeholders	March 2018	Education Directorate	Secondary Schools	New Information
New Animations and Updated Materials for the Digital Competence Framework	July 2018	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	New Information
Post-16 Value Added update	November 2017	Further Education and Apprenticeships Division	Secondary Schools	Updated information for 2018. Email update sent to schools with sixth forms.

Primary school for children aged 7 to 11: a guide for parents and carers	May 2018	Curriculum and Assessment Division	Primary Schools	New Information
Promoting Equality and Tackling Racism in your School - New Factsheets now available	September 2017	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	New Information
The National Network for Excellence in Foundation Phase zone is now live on Hwb!	April 2018	Curriculum and Assessment Division	Primary Schools	New Information
Welsh Government launch first Organ Donation pack for secondary Schools	July 2018	Health and Social Services - Mental Health, NHS Gov. & Corp. Services	Secondary Schools	New Information
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