

## **Annual Report to Schools - Academic Year 2019 - 2020**

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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### Policy and Strategy updates

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<a href="#">Brexit Preparedness</a>	04/09/2019	Digital and Strategic Comms	All Schools	New Information
<a href="#">Disciplinary and dismissal procedures for school staff</a>	02/03/2020	School Effectiveness Division	All schools	Updated Information
<a href="#">Draft keeping learners safe guidance</a>	18/09/2019	Consultation	All Schools	New Information
<a href="#">Draft Welsh in Education Strategic Plans Regulations (Wales) 2019 and guidance</a>	10/09/2019	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	New Information
<a href="#">Home education: statutory guidance for local authorities and handbook for home</a>	04/09/2019	Digital and Strategic Comms	All Schools	New Information
<a href="#">Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination for Boys</a>	10/09/2019	Support for learners	All Schools	New Information

<a href="#">Implementation of the Additional Learning Needs system</a>	18/09/2019	Support for learners	All Schools	New Information
<a href="#">Investing in educational excellence: Plans unveiled to improve school staffing, recruit more teachers and introduce a four-year support package for new teachers</a>	03/12/2019	Pedagogy, Leadership and Professional Learning Division	All schools	New Information
<a href="#">Investing in Professional Learning to help our new Curriculum succeed</a>	10/02/2020	Pedagogy, Leadership and Professional Learning Division	All schools	New Information
<a href="#">Mytravelpass</a>	10/09/2019	Support for Learners Division	All schools	New Information
<a href="#">National approach to professional learning</a>	10/02/2020	Pedagogy, Leadership and Professional Learning Division	All schools	New Information
<a href="#">New 'conversion' programme for Welsh-medium primary teachers who want to teach in secondary schools</a>	25/11/2019	School Effectiveness Division	Primary Schools	New Information
<a href="#">New guidance will challenge bullying in Welsh schools</a>	06/11/2019	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	New Information
<a href="#">New information posters for parents and carers now available</a>	20/05/2020	Digital and Strategic Comms	All schools	New information

<a href="#">New Procurement Framework for Supply Teachers effective from 1 September</a>	18/09/2019	School Effectiveness Division	All Schools	New Information
<a href="#">Professional standards for assisting teaching</a>	10/09/2019	Pedagogy, Leadership and Professional Learning Division	All Schools	Supersedes
<a href="#">Pupil Development Grant - Access</a>	04/09/2019	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	New Information
<a href="#">Recruit, Recover, Raise Standards: the Accelerating Learning Programme</a>	24/08/2020	Pedagogy, Leadership and Professional Learning Division	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Reducing class sizes grant is 'making a real difference' to Welsh schools</a>	15/01/2020	School Effectiveness Division	All schools	New Information
<a href="#">School uniform and appearance: policy guidance for governing bodies</a>	24/08/2020	Support for Learners Division	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Starting salary for new teachers to rise by 5% in Wales</a>	25/10/2019	School Effectiveness Division	All Schools	New Information

<a href="#">Statement from Education Minister, Kirsty Williams GCSE results 2020</a>	20/08/2020	Curriculum and Assessment division	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Statutory induction for newly qualified teachers (NQTs)</a>	10/09/2019	School effectiveness division	All Schools	New Information
<a href="#">Suicide and self-harm guidance launched to support schools</a>	10/09/2019	Support for Learners Division	All Schools	New Information
<a href="#">Technology increasing subject choice for pupils in rural Wales</a>	09/03/2020	Curriculum and Assessment division	All schools	New information
<a href="#">The National Procurement Services Supply Teachers Framework for Wales</a>	08/10/2019	National procurement service	All Schools	Reminder
<a href="#">The School Workforce Annual Census – Are you ready?</a>	18/09/2019	School Effectiveness Division	All Schools	New Information
<a href="#">Welsh Government doubles support for 'whole school' approach to mental health</a>	28/01/2020	Support for Learners Division	All schools	New Information
<a href="#">Written Statement: Children Act 2004 Education Database (Wales) Regulations 2020 and the Education (Information about Children in Independent Schools) (Wales) Regulations 2020</a>	11/12/2019	Consultation	All schools	New Information

<a href="#">Written Statement: Personal Learning Account Programme</a>	18/09/2019	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	Reminder
<a href="#">Written Statement: Publication of National School Categorisation System Outcomes</a>	03/02/2020	School Effectiveness Division	All schools	New Information
<a href="#">Written Statement: Shaping legislation to support the new Curriculum</a>	23/09/2019	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	New Information

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## Curriculum, Qualification and Assessment Guidance

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<a href="#">Draft Welsh in Education Strategic Plans Regulations (Wales) 2019 and guidance</a>	04/09/2019	Consultation	All Schools	New Information
<a href="#">End of term message from Minister for Education Kirsty Williams</a>	18/12/2019	Digital and Strategic Comms	All schools	New Information
<a href="#">Guidance on the Interim Key Stage 4 School Performance Arrangements</a>	22/08/2019	Curriculum and Assessment Division	Secondary Schools	New Information
<a href="#">Huge landmark for Welsh education as revised curriculum guidance published with £15m commitment to support teachers</a>	28/01/2020	School Effectiveness Division	All schools	New Information
<a href="#">It's Here! Welcome to the new Curriculum for Wales Guidance</a>	28/01/2020	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All schools	New Information

<a href="#"><u>Kirsty Williams congratulates students as A* grades shine in record A-level results for Wales</u></a>	15/08/2019	Curriculum and Assessment Division	Secondary Schools	New Information
<a href="#"><u>Oral Statement: Curriculum for Wales Framework</u></a>	03/02/2020	Curriculum and Assessment division	All schools	New Information
<a href="#"><u>Taking your feedback forward: refining the draft curriculum - Kirsty Williams, Minister for Education</u></a>	18/09/2019	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All schools	New Information
<a href="#"><u>Welsh Government working with teachers, parents and students to ensure learners have access to a broad and balanced curriculum</u></a>	03/10/2019	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	New Information
<a href="#"><u>Written Statement: Online personalised assessments</u></a>	04/09/2019	Curriculum and Assessment Division	All Schools	Supersedes

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<a href="#">Draft keeping learners safe guidance</a>	Support for Learners Division
<a href="#">Home education: Consultation events</a>	Curriculum and Assessment Division
<a href="#">Consultation on the Education (Amendments Relating to the Intervals for Inspection of Education and Training) (Wales) Regulations 2020</a>	Education Business Planning and Governance Division
<a href="#">Ensuring access to the full curriculum</a>	Curriculum and Assessment Division
<a href="#">Draft school and community-based counselling operating toolkit</a>	Support for Learners Division
<a href="#">Legislative proposals for religion, values and ethics</a>	Curriculum and Assessment Division

<a href="#">Local authority education databases</a>	Support for Learners Division
<a href="#">Mandatory reporting of online National Reading and Numeracy Test results</a>	Curriculum and Assessment Division
<a href="#">Relaxation of school reporting requirements</a>	School Information and Improvement Branch
<a href="#">Safeguarding children from child sexual exploitation</a>	Directorate of Services and Social Integration <a href="#">takingsocialcareforwardSymudGofal Cymdeithasol</a> <a href="mailto:Ymlaen@gov.wales">Ymlaen@gov.wales</a>
<a href="#">Draft Welsh in Education Strategic Plans Regulations (Wales) 2019 and guidance</a>	Welsh Language Division

## COVID-19

Title	Date	Contact	Focus	New/update/supersedes
<a href="#">Education and childcare: coronavirus</a>	23/03/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Extra £3 million to support 'digitally excluded' learners in Wales</a>	30/04/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">£5m for mental health in schools will include new support for under-11s and teachers</a>	20/05/2020	Support for Learners Division	Primary Schools	New Information
<a href="#">Accessing school and community-based counselling: coronavirus</a>	06/05/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">900 extra teaching staff in plan to "Recruit, recover and raise standards" in Welsh schools</a>	09/07/2020	Pedagogy, Leadership and Professional Learning Division	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Attendance at local authority settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic</a>	03/07/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information

<a href="#">Changes to the coronavirus regulations in Wales - Press notice</a>	31/07/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Check in, Catch Up, Prepare for summer and September – All schools in Wales to enter next phase</a>	03/06/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Coronavirus - Looking out for each other safely campaign</a>	31/03/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Coronavirus - Message from Minister for Education, Kirsty Williams</a>	13/03/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New Information
<a href="#">Coronavirus - Support for the supply sector</a>	01/04/2020	School Effectiveness Division	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Coronavirus: Easter break message</a>	01/04/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Coronavirus: letter to our Special Educational Needs workforce</a>	09/04/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New Information
<a href="#">Coronavirus: travel guidance for education settings and students</a>	13/03/2020	School Effectiveness Division	All schools	New information

<a href="#">COVID-19 Guidance to parents and carers to support families to stay safe, healthy and learning</a>	24/04/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Critical workers testing</a>	24/04/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Critical workers to get free childcare</a>	09/04/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Device and connectivity update for digitally excluded learners: coronavirus</a>	03/07/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Education and Childcare settings - Frequently Asked Questions and guidance</a>	19/06/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	Supersedes
<a href="#">Education Minister announces 'back to school' plans for September</a>	09/07/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Education Minister announces exam arrangements for years 10 and 12</a>	27/03/2020	Curriculum and Assessment Division	Secondary Schools	New information
<a href="#">Education Minister asks 'national heroes' to keep schools open for NHS and carers during school holidays</a>	30/03/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information

<a href="#">Education Minister proposes 3.1% overall pay award for teachers</a>	31/07/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Education Minister sets out five key principles for schools' return</a>	28/04/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Education Minister's open letter to all school staff in Wales</a>	12/06/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Education safeguarding guidance</a>	09/04/2020	Support for Learners Division	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Eligibility for ongoing provision for Children who are Vulnerable, or parents are critical to Covid-19 response</a>	23/03/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Embedding a whole-school approach to mental health and well-being</a>	11/08/2020	Support for Learners Division	All schools	Supersedes
<a href="#">Evaluation of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) In-Reach Pilot Programme: interim report</a>	23/07/2020	Support for Learners Division	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Extra funding to support children over the summer holidays in Wales</a>	06/07/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information

<a href="#">Five ways to help children and young people stay safe during the coronavirus lockdown</a>	04/05/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Free school meals: coronavirus guidance for schools</a>	20/03/2020	School Effectiveness Division	All schools	Supersedes
<a href="#">Funding for children to continue to receive free school meals during the coronavirus pandemic</a>	24/04/2020	School Effectiveness Division	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Funding to support Welsh-language advice line for parents</a>	03/07/2020	Welsh language division	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Guidance for providers of school and community based counselling services: coronavirus</a>	12/06/2020	Support for Learners Division	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Guidance for supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged learners</a>	24/08/2020	Support for Learners Division	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Guidance published to help schools, colleges and childcare settings</a>	10/06/2020	Education Business Planning and Governance	All schools	New information
<a href="#">Iaith Athrawon Yfory Incentive claim: deadline 31 August 2020</a>	23/07/2020	Pedagogy, Leadership and Professional Learning Division	All schools	New information

<a href="#">Increased support for children's mental health following Covid-19 outbreak</a>	17/04/2020	Support for Learners Division	All schools	Reminder information
<a href="#">Joint statement from Welsh Government, WLGA and support staff trade unions</a>	25/06/2020	School Effectiveness Division	All schools	New information
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<a href="#">Plan launched to support education for over-16s</a>	20/05/2020	Skills, Higher Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate	Secondary Schools	New information
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