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Dear head

Today I am publishing the new curriculum and assessment materials for feedback. I am writing to you as leaders to ask for your views and involvement in the refinement of these materials. I am also asking you as leaders to support all of your staff and the wider school community to engage with the new materials and provide their feedback.

This is an important moment in the reform journey set out in Education in Wales: Our National Mission. These materials are the product of three years of extensive co-development with the education profession through pioneer schools, in partnership with regional consortia, Estyn, Qualifications Wales and a range of other stakeholders and experts.

Our national mission is to raise standards, reduce the attainment gap, and deliver an education system that is a source of national pride and public confidence. Curriculum for Wales 2022, made in Wales but shaped by the best from around the world, is fundamental to achieving that mission.

For the first time, Wales will have a curriculum which is purpose based, based on four purposes that articulate what we want our young people to be at 16:

- ambitious and capable;
- enterprising and creative;
- ethical and informed and
- healthy and confident.

Curriculum for Wales 2022 is designed as a national framework for learners age 3 to 16 to support you as professionals to develop your school level curricula: allowing you the flexibility to provide teaching and learning which meets the specific needs of your learners in their contexts and communities.

Today signals a new phase of co-construction in the development of the new curriculum. Over the summer term, we'll be seeking the views of the whole education profession in Wales as well as children and young people, parents and a range of wider stakeholders. The refined Curriculum for Wales 2022 will then be made available in January 2020 for use in September 2022 by primary schools and for year 7. The new curriculum will then be rolled out on year by year basis in secondary schools.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.


Through the summer term, we will engage extensively with the teaching profession and wider stakeholders. As the next phase of co-construction we are inviting a wide range of feedback so the practitioners who developed it can further refine the new curriculum. It is now for you and your colleagues to have your say.

Workforce events involving the Consortia, Qualifications Wales and Welsh Government will take place during May and June. You can get the dates from your regional Consortia. There will also be a pack for you to use in your own events that will be available from Mid May.

This collective effort has truly represented what the national mission – working together for the good of Wales – can be.

You can access the published materials and provide feedback at: <https://hwb.gov.wales/>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Kirsty Williams', is displayed on a light grey, textured background.

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Minister for Education

