

WG Curriculum Review Up-Date May 2016:

The curriculum reform team have shared the attached plan.

The work developing the Areas of Learning and Experience (AoLEs) outlined in Successful Futures will begin later in the year. We will be establishing working groups of Pioneers to lead the design and development of each AoLE and it will be during this second phase that we will be engaging with experts and stakeholders with subject specific interests to inform their work.

<http://gov.wales/topics/educationandskills/schoolshome/curriculum-for-wales-curriculum-for-life/?lang=en>

As you may know, 106 Pioneer Schools have been appointed to focus on curriculum design and development. Working with Welsh and international experts, they will be designing the new curriculum and assessment arrangements for Wales. After a period of induction, they have recently begun their work designing the new curriculum framework. We have established four working groups of Pioneers, focussing on:

- Assessment and progression;
- Cross-curriculum responsibilities;
- Enrichment and experiences; and
- Welsh dimension, international perspective and wider skills.

At the moment, we hope to meet the AoLE groups before the end of the summer term for an induction meeting or event but this is yet to be confirmed.

I hope you find this useful for the time being and would suggest we aim to give you another update in the next couple of months.

Curriculum reform

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A new curriculum for Wales will be developed with education professionals across Wales with the aim of it being available to settings and schools by September 2018.

Schools will have some flexibility in determining how and when they begin first teaching of the new curriculum. Our ambition is that by 2021 settings and schools will be using the new curriculum to underpin teaching and learning for children and young people aged 3-16. A [New Deal for the Education Workforce](#) will equip education professionals to deliver the new curriculum.

4 purposes

The 4 purposes will be at the heart of our new curriculum. They will be the starting point for all decisions on the content and experiences developed as part of the curriculum to support our children and young people to be:

- ambitious, capable learners ready to learn throughout their lives
- enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work
- ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world
- healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

Key elements

The new curriculum will include:

- 6 Areas of Learning and Experience from 3 to 16
- 3 cross curriculum responsibilities: literacy, numeracy and digital competence
- progression reference points at ages 5, 8, 11, 14 and 16
- achievement outcomes which describe expected achievements at each progression reference point.

The curriculum will be organised into 6 Areas of Learning and Experience:

- Expressive arts
- Health and well-being
- Humanities (including RE which should remain compulsory to age 16)
- Languages, literacy and communication (including Welsh, which should remain compulsory to age 16, and modern foreign languages)
- Mathematics and numeracy
- Science and technology (including computer science).

Timeline

Below we set out the high level key milestones.

2015 - 2016: Pioneer Network established

2015 - 2018: Design and development phase of the new curriculum

July 2016: All New Deal Pioneer Schools will have developed their individual action plans

September 2016: Digital Competence Framework available

2017 - 2021: Practical support to schools to prepare for the new curriculum

July 2018: Nationally, a consistent professional learning offer will be available to all practitioners across Wales

September 2018: New curriculum and assessment arrangements available

September 2021: New curriculum and assessment arrangements in place

A plan for designing and developing the new curriculum and assessment framework has been developed in collaboration with Pioneer Schools and key stakeholders.

Presentation

[Curriculum reform: summary - April 2016](#) (File size: 2.7MB)

Videos

A video of [pupils' questions to Professor Donaldson](#) at Ysgol Gyfun Plasmawr is now available on YouTube.

A video of the [Education Minister's message to teachers about the New Curriculum for Wales](#) is now available on YouTube.

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[Poster: The four purposes of the curriculum for Wales](#) (File size: 134KB)



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[Plan for curriculum and assessment design and development](#)
(File size: 320KB)