

Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill

Children and Young People's Survey: The Results



Who are we?

We are the **Children, Young People and Education Committee**. The Committee is a group of politicians who are interested in topics that affect children across Wales. We consider whether important decisions concerning children and young people are the right ones. It's **our job to listen** to them, and by doing that we can try to make life better for children in Wales.



Education is changing

What children and young people learn in school is going to change. This includes the sorts of things teachers talk about in class. The things that children are taught in school are called a 'curriculum'. The **changes could mean that the school day will feel a bit different** in the future. The Welsh Government wants to create a new law to make this happen. Our job is to **help decide what the new law will be like**.

Talking to children and young people

We wanted to hear what children and young people **thought about the curriculum**. We were interested in what they thought of the changes. Children were asked a number of questions, including what they wanted to learn in future.

Who we spoke to

We spoke to children and young people across Wales. These included children in Year 5, through to young people in year 13.

What we heard from children and young people

Lots of children and young people felt that **what they learn now** in school will **help them as they grow up**. They also said that they would like to **learn extra things** at school. They said learning extra things would help them in the future. Children and young people suggested lots of different things that they would like to learn more about. This included practical issues, like learning about **looking after money**. Others wanted to spend more time learning subjects like **French or Spanish**, or learning about **local history**.

Most told us that it was important that all children and young people across Wales should **learn the same sorts of things**. This includes **whichever school they go to** and **wherever they live**. They said that it was **important everyone should learn** about **healthy relationships** and **different religions**. Most children and young people also felt it was **important to learn both Welsh and English** in school.

Children and young people also said that the **feedback they received from school** could be improved. Feedback is the help that children get from their teachers, like marking their homework or talking over something they don't understand. Many said that they felt the feedback was okay, but that sometimes it **needs to be explained in a different way**.

Most children and young people **supported the changes**. They also said that it was important that they should **have a say in what they learn** and how schools are run in future.

What is happening next?

We have heard the things children and young people told us. We have also had the chance to speak to parents, carers, teachers and other professionals. After hearing what everyone has to say, we will be telling the Welsh Government how we think the new law could be made better. All Members of the Senedd will then get to vote on how the final law will look. If Members agree with the new law, then what children and young people are taught in schools will change in the future.

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