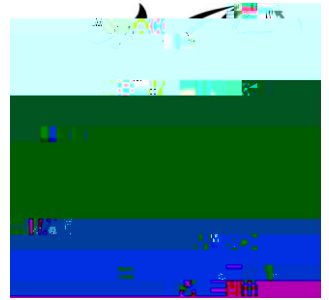


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20 July 2022

Dear Lynn

REVISED WELSH IN EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN (WESP) 2022-2032

Thank you for submitting your revised Plan with modifications in response to my letter of the 16 May 2022. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the effort made to address the feedback provided and the constructive discussions that took place with my officials during the revision period.

I have now considered your revised Plan and am prepared to **approve** it without further modifications.

You should now be looking to **publish your Plan** in accordance with the requirements of [The Welsh in Education Strategic Plans \(Wales\) Regulations 2019](#) ("2019 Regulations"). In this context, you must publish your plan **on or before the date** the plan takes effect. This is 1 September 2022. You'll need to do this by –

- (a) Placing it on your website; and
- (b) Making copies of the plan available for inspection by members of the public at
 - (i) offices that are open to the public
 - (ii) Any other place considered appropriate:

Under section 85(7) of the [School Standards and Organisation \(Wales\) Act 2013](#) ("the 2013 Act"), local authorities must take all reasonable steps to implement their approved WESPs. I know many of you have already begun the process of preparing your 5-year action plan, which will be monitored annually in the form of a review report. I would be grateful if you could provide a finalised action plan by the end of the Autumn term.

Whilst the purpose of the WESP is to improve the planning and standard of Welsh-medium education in your area, it is imperative that wider actions of the local authority are assessed to ensure they are consistent with the requirements of the Act.

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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.

I am also encouraged by news that many of you are establishing sub-groups with key WESP partners to progress commitments made in your Plan. The success of your Plan is