Welsh Government Consultation on

The draft Children Act 2004 Database (Wales) Regulations 2020 and the

Education (Information about Children in Independent Schools (Wales) Regulations 2020

Invitation to the 'Table Talk' Regional Workshops

Education in Wales: our national mission sets out the action required to fulfil our ambition that children and young people in Wales are equipped with the right skills for a changing world. Although the action plan sets out how the school system in Wales will move forward over the next four years, the principles of providing the necessary support for children in schools - and the rights of all children to receive an education - should apply equally to those who are home educated.

To help local authorities to carry out their duty to ensure children receive a suitable education, we have developed draft regulations to assist them identifying children of compulsory school age in their area and to ensure that they are receiving a suitable education.

The Welsh Government is consulting currently on the draft regulations to support local authorities to identify children not on any school roll, not in education other than at school (EOTAS), not on any independent school register and not receiving a suitable education. Click **here** for more information about the consultation.

Cazbah and Markit have been commissioned by the Welsh Government to undertake 'Table Talk' workshops across Wales to gather feedback as part of the consultation. The discussions will focus predominantly on the technical aspects of the draft regulations.

To gain your feedback on the draft regulations the Welsh Government would like to invite you as a stakeholder to a 'Table Talk' workshop. 'Table Talk' sessions for young people will run simultaneously to those for adults (stakeholders and parents) in a neighbouring room at both the North Wales and Mid/West Wales events and will provide an opportunity for a focused discussion. However, there will be no session for young people at the South Wales event.

Participation is entirely voluntary; however, your views and experiences are important in helping to inform Welsh Government policy. All feedback is anonymous and any recordings used to collate responses will be destroyed once the final report on the events is submitted to Welsh Government.

Due to the nature of the discussions taking place we advise that only young people aged 11+ interested in the technical detail of the regulations join the young people's focussed

discussion sessions. As such crèche/play facilities will not be provided for parents who are attending with children who are not taking part in the 'Table Talk' session.

The 'Table Talk' sessions for young people are voluntary and subject to parental consent. Young people can only join the session once they have been signed-in by their parent/carer. Young people can return to their parent at any time.

Refreshments will be available. However as lunch will not be provided you are welcome to bring your own snacks.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a 'first-come, first-served basis'. If you would like to attend a 'Table Talk' Workshop, please click on 'Register Now'.

Region	Audiences	Venue	Date	Time
North Wales	Stakeholders and Young People	Venue Cymru, Llandudno	Friday 6 March 2020	10.00 - 13.00pm
Mid and West Wales	Stakeholders and Young People	Liberty Stadium, Swansea	Friday 13 March 2020	10.00 - 13.00pm
South Wales	Stakeholders only	Orbit Business Centre, Merthyr Tydfil	Thursday 26 March 2020	10.00 - 13.00pm

Once registered, you will receive an email confirming whether you have been successful in securing a place at your chosen workshop.

Please note that the information you provide will be used in accordance with the Welsh Government privacy policy relating to Home Education. The details of this can be read here *