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# Written Statement: Our National Mission update

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Today we publish an update to the ‘*Our National Mission*’ action plan that sets out how we will continue to move towards the effective implementation of the Curriculum for Wales in September 2022.

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It also shows steps we have taken in response to COVID-19, and our response to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) independent report ‘*Achieving the New Curriculum for Wales*’.

The OECD report, published on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, recognises that Wales “has a clear vision for its education system and for its learners” and provides us with welcome challenges around next steps.

The update we are publishing today recognises the collective efforts and achievements made so far, takes into consideration the OECD recommendations, and maps the next stage of the journey.

Alongside this update, we are also publishing ‘*Curriculum for Wales: the journey to 2022*’. This sets out shared expectations of what curriculum realisation means for practitioners and schools from 2022. It aims to help schools to prepare for designing and implementing their curriculum.

Our continuing education reforms, with Curriculum for Wales at the centre, is truly a shared, national endeavour.

I am immensely proud to be working with teachers, academics, practitioners, businesses, unions, international experts, and many others who are building this future for our learners, our schools and our nation.

We have strong foundations in place and working together we will continue to raise standards, reduce the attainment gap, and deliver an education system that is a source of national pride and public confidence.

A copy of the update to Our National Mission is available [here](#).

A copy of the Curriculum for Wales – the journey to 2022 is [here](#).

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