

Annex A

DIRECTION TO ALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND ALL SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES OF VOLUNTARY AIDED AND FOUNDATION SCHOOLS IN WALES UNDER SECTION 32B OF THE EDUCATION ACT 2002 FOR SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2025/26

DIRECTION

- 1) The Welsh Ministers, having considered all the information set out in the Explanatory Memorandum¹, are satisfied that the term dates determined by local authorities in Wales and the governing bodies of voluntary aided or foundation schools should be amended to the dates set out in the Schedule.
- 2) The Welsh Ministers have undertaken an appropriate consultation on the proposed term dates they propose, and have taken into account consultation responses.
- 3) Accordingly, the Welsh Ministers direct all local authorities in Wales and all governing bodies of foundation schools and or voluntary aided schools² in Wales to determine the term dates for the school year 2025/26 as set out in the Schedule to this direction.
- 4) This direction comes into effect at 9am on the day after it is signed.

Signed by.....

Jeremy Miles MS

Minister for Education and Welsh Language, one of the Welsh Ministers

Date: 2024

¹ The explanatory memorandum sets out the purpose of issuing the direction and the results of consultation on it but does not form part of the legal operative part of that direction. Those policy reasons are set out in the consultation document. The explanatory memorandum will be prepared following completion of the consultation exercise and prior to the direction being issued.

² By virtue of section 212(5) of the Education Act 2002, “foundation schools” and “voluntary aided schools” have the meaning given to them in the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.