# Report on the Consultation on National Curriculum Assessment Arrangements for 11- and 14-year olds

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Arrangements for 11- and 14-year-olds:

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maintained schools in Wales; Local Education Authorities; teacher

unions and school representative bodies; church diocesan

authorities; national bodies in Wales with an interest in education.

**Overview** This document outlines the responses to the consultation on the

National Curriculum Assessment Arrangements for 11- and

14-year-olds.

**Action required** For information only, no further action required

**Further** 

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### Response to Consultation on National Curriculum Assessment Arrangements for 11- and 14-year-olds

#### Summary

- 1. This report summarises the response to the initial consultation on the proposal to discontinue the statutory National Curriculum testing of 11-year-olds at the end of Key Stage 2 and of 14-year-olds at the end of Key Stage 3.
- 2. The consultation period started on 1 September 2004 and ended on 22 October 2004. Copies of the consultation document were sent to Governing Bodies and headteachers of maintained schools in Wales; Local Education Authorities; teacher unions and school representative bodies; church diocesan authorities; national bodies in Wales and others with an interest in education. The consultation document and an online response form was also made available on www.learning.wales.gov.uk.
- 3. A total of 414 responses were received either electronically or in hard copy form by the end of the consultation period. A further eight replies were received in the following two weeks. The percentages of responses to each question detailed later in this report represent the responses received by 22 October. However, the comments from the other responses have been included in the report and also informed the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning's decision on the way forward.
- 4. Overall, the response was positive. Most respondents welcomed the Minister's proposals to change the assessment arrangements for 11- and 14-year-olds. A list of the respondents can be found at Annex A and responses to each question by category of respondent is at Annex B.
- 5. A small number of respondents commented that the consultation did not go into detail about the Year 5 Skills tests or the teacher assessment moderation arrangements and therefore found it difficult to express a view on the implication of the proposals and the new package. However, that was not the purpose of this consultation, which concentrated on the changes needed for the 2005 and 2006 tests and assessments. As the Minister announced to plenary on 13 July when responding to Professor Daugherty's final report and ACCAC's advice the detail of the new system will be the subject of a further consultation exercise. That will follow when ACCAC has done further work on identifying current good practice that can be shaped and developed to provide a consistent and robust Teacher Assessment system and when a specification has been drawn up which will start the process of designing and developing appropriate methods for assessing pupil skills.
- 6. The Welsh Assembly Government would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who responded to this consultation exercise.

#### Background to the Consultation Exercise

- 7. During May 2004 Jane Davidson, the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning received two pieces of advice dealing with the National Curriculum assessment arrangements for Key Stages 2 and 3. One from the Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales (ACCAC) dealt with the school curriculum and the associated assessment arrangements. The other from Professor Richard Daugherty's independent Assessment Review Group which had been established at the Minister's invitation to look at all aspects of assessment in Key Stages 2 and 3.
- 8. The consultation paper, which emerged from the Minister's decision on ACCAC's and Professor Daugherty's recommendations, sought views on the Welsh Assembly Government's proposals to discontinue the statutory National Curriculum testing of 11-year-olds at the end of Key Stage 2 and 14-year-olds at the end of Key Stage 3.

#### The proposals were that:

For Key Stage 2, the tests and tasks produced by ACCAC should continue to be provided to schools for 2004/05 and 2005/06 school years but the statutory requirement to administer them should be removed. External Marking will be available on an optional basis for 2004/05 only.

For Key Stage 3, for 2004/05 the tests and tasks should be administered on a statutory basis, but are provided for use on a non-statutory basis for 2005/06 and 2006/07 school years. External Marking will remain part of the 2004/05 arrangements and will be available on an optional basis for 2005/06. External Marking will not be provided for 2006/07.

- 9. These proposals were part of the phased implementation of the new arrangements; details of the remaining elements are currently being developed and when finalised will be the subject of further consultation. This consultation paper concentrated on the changes which need to be made for 2004/05 and 2005/06 and set out the longer-term plans and timetable for introducing the new statutory arrangements from the 2007/08 school year.
- 10. In proposing a move to the new arrangements the Minister had at the forefront of her mind the need to develop a system which:
  - Put pupils at its heart and built on the professional judgements of teachers;
  - Focused on skill development and an assessment for learning programme;

- Benefited pupils, teachers and the education system;
- Relieved burdens and used teaching time more profitably and effectively;
- Developed teachers' skills both in assessment and in teaching; and
- Contributed to further improvements in level of performance.

#### Overview of responses

- 11. The consultation paper contained a number of specific questions and also invited comments. Details of the responses to the individual questions are below.
- 12. Overall, the responses indicated support for the proposals with the majority welcoming the approach outlined in the consultation paper.
- 13. Where possible the percentage that responded to each question has been included in this report. However, some respondents left questions unanswered or their statements did not focus on the proposals contained in the consultation paper. These are included in this report as unclear responses.
- 14. It should be noted that responses from Primary Schools related almost exclusively to Key Stage 2 questions and Secondary Schools to Key Stage 3.

#### Question 1

Should the National Curriculum Key Stage 2 tests be provided to schools on an optional or statutory basis in 2004/05?

	Responses	
	Number	Percentage
Statutory	73	20
Optional	300	80
Did not answer question	41	

#### Comments

There is overwhelming support for this proposal. 80 percent of respondents elected for the Key Stage 2 tests to be provided on an optional basis in 2004/05. There was support for a gradual phasing out of the tests while teachers became confident with their judgements. Comments included a view that there was already sufficient testing and assessments undertaken in schools.

Of those opposed to the tests being optional the majority were in favour of the tests being phased out but felt that more time was needed to develop moderation arrangements.

#### Way Forward

The Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning has announced that the National Curriculum Key Stage 2 tests for 2004/05 will be sent to all schools - but the decision whether to use them will be left up to individual schools. New regulations came into force on 10 November which removed the statutory tests from the Key Stage 2 assessment arrangements for 2004/05.

#### Question 2

If provided on an optional basis should external marking be available in 2005?

	Responses	
	Number	Percentage
Yes	264	72
No	105	28
Did not answer question	45	

#### Comments

The majority of respondents (72percent) agreed that external marking should be available in 2005. Respondents felt that immediate removal of external marking would have implication for workloads. External marking would provide consistency and standardisation for feeder Primary schools.

Those opting not to have external marking wanted the financial savings to be made available to schools for other purposes. Others felt that the continuation of external marking would delay the move to effective Teacher Assessment.

#### Way Forward

External marking will be available to all Key Stage 2 schools who register their interest for 2005. ACCAC will contact schools with details of the new arrangements.

#### **Question 3**

Should the National Curriculum Key Stage 2 tests be provided to schools on an optional or statutory basis in 2005/06?

	Responses	
	Number	Percentage
Statutory	52	14
Optional	316	86
Did not answer question	46	

#### Comments

There is strong support for this proposal - 86 percent of respondents think that the Key Stage 2 tests should be offered to schools on an optional basis in 2005/06. Individual school choice on whether the tests should be used was considered important.

#### Way Forward

The National Curriculum Key Stage 2 tests for 2005/06 will be sent to all schools – but the decision whether to use them will be left to individual schools.

#### Question 4

If provided on an optional basis should external marking be available in 2006?

	Responses	
	Number	Percentage
Yes	203	56
No	157	44
Did not answer question	54	

Comments - Just over half (56 percent) of respondents would like external marking to be available in 2006. However, a number also felt that schools should by this time be secure in their teacher assessments. Other respondents expressed the view that the availability of external marking would encourage teachers to make more use of the optional tests.

#### Way Forward

The Minister had not planned to make external marking available in 2006. However, in light of the comments expressed during the consultation exercise she will now look afresh at this proposal. There is, however, some time before a final decision needs to be made. The Minister will, therefore, wait until there is a clearer picture on the take up of the external marking made available to support the 2005 Key Stage 2 optional tests.

Question 5: Should the additional INSET day in 2005/06 be used for moderation purposes?

	Responses	
	Number	Percentage
Yes	311	84
No	58	16
Did not answer question	45	

Comments - 84 percent thought the additional INSET day in 2005/06 should be used for moderation purposes. It was seen as a good opportunity to incorporate cluster groups between feeder primary schools and secondary schools and support teaching and learning.

#### Way Forward

An additional INSET day in 2005/06 will be provided in order for teachers to prepare and become familiar with moderation procedures. Further details will be circulated to schools in due course.

Question 6: Should optional assessment materials be made available to assist teacher assessments in 2006/07?

	Responses	
	Number	Percentage
Yes	310	90
No	34	10
Did not answer question	70	

Comments - 90 percent of respondents to this proposal would like optional assessment materials to be available in 2006/07. It was felt that this would

aid consistency, reduce teacher workloads and support teachers with their judgements and interpretation of the level descriptions.

#### Way Forward

ACCAC will collate optional assessment materials, which will be made available to schools in good time to assist teacher judgements during 2006/07.

Question 7: Should an additional INSET day be made available in 2006/07 for moderation purposes?

	Responses	
	Number	Percentage
Yes	318	86
No	51	14
Did not answer question	45	

Comments - 86 percent of those who responded to this question thought that the additional INSET day in 2006/07 should be used for moderation purposes with emphasis on the transition process.

#### Way Forward

An additional INSET day in 2006/07 will be provided in order for teachers to continue their familiarisation with moderation procedures. Details will be provided to schools in due course.

Question 8: Should the National Curriculum Key Stage 3 tests be provided to schools on an optional or statutory basis in 2005/06?

	Responses	
	Number	Percentage
Statutory	58	33
Optional	117	67
Did not answer question	239	

Comments - 67 percent of respondents want Key Stage 3 tests to be offered to schools on an optional basis in 2005/06. It was felt that by 2005 teachers would be secure in their assessment and the decision to test should be left to individual schools.

A minority wanted the tests to remain statutory until the new systems are firmly established.

#### Way Forward

The National Curriculum Key Stage 3 tests for 2005/06 will be sent to all schools for use on an optional basis. It will be for schools to decide whether or not to administer the tests.

Question 9: If provided on an optional basis should external marking be available in 2006?

	Responses	
	Number	Percentage
Yes	134	77
No	39	23
Did not answer question	241	

Comments - 77 percent of respondents want external marking to be available in 2006. The consensus was that this would provide greater uniformity of standards and help workload.

#### Way Forward

External marking will be available to all Key Stage 3 schools who register their interest for 2006.

Question 10: Should the additional INSET day in 2005/06 be used for moderation purposes?

	Responses	
	Number	Percentage
Yes	152	87
No	22	13
Did not answer question	240	

Comments - The majority (87 percent) think that the additional INSET day in 2005/06 should be used for moderation purposes at Key stage 3. It was felt that this would be particularly important in the non-core subjects and to ensure that moderation was approached with consistency.

#### Way Forward

An additional INSET day in 2005/06 will be provided in order for teachers to prepare and become familiar with moderation procedures.

Question 11: Should the National Curriculum Key Stage 3 tests be provided to schools on an optional or statutory basis in 2006/07?

	Responses	
	Number	Percentage
Statutory	43	25
Optional	131	75
Did not answer question	240	

Comments - 75 percent of respondents want the Key Stage 3 tests to be provided to schools on an optional basis in 2006/07. Again it was felt that the decision to use them should be left to individual schools.

#### Way Forward

The National Curriculum Key Stage 2 tests for 2006/07 will be sent to all schools - but the decision whether to use them will be left up to individual schools.

Question 12: If provided on an optional basis should external marking be available in 2007?

	Responses	
	Number	Percentage
Yes	113	66
No	57	34
Did not answer question	244	

Comments - 66 percent of those who responded to this proposal would like external marking to be available in 2007. Workload was again a major consideration.

#### Way Forward

As with the Key Stage 2 arrangements the Minister had not planned to make external marking arrangements available in the second year of optional tests. Again, as with Key Stage 2 arrangements, there is some time before a final decision needs to be made. The Minister will, therefore, wait until there is a clearer picture on the take up of the external marking made available to support the 2006 Key Stage 3 optional tests.

Question 13: Should the additional INSET day be made available in 2006/07 for moderation purposes?

	Responses		
	Number	Percentage	
Yes	154	89	
No	20 11		
Did not answer question	240		

Comments - 89 percent want the additional INSET day to be made available for moderation purposes in 2006/07. Respondents felt that this would be an opportunity to review and refine existing moderation procedures. Some of those responding felt that there is an on-going need for this focus on moderation to be available on an annual basis.

#### Way Forward

An additional INSET day in 2006/07 will be provided in order for teachers to continue their familiarisation with moderation procedures. Details, including materials and guidance produced by ACCAC, will be provided to schools in due course.

Question 14: Should, with effect from 2005/06, the annual report to parents include Attainment Target levels and overall subject levels for English and/or Welsh, mathematics and science?

	Responses		
	Number	Percentage	
Yes	237	63	
No	141	37	
Did not answer question	36		

Comments - 63 percent of respondents think that the annual report to parents should include Attainment Target levels and overall subject levels in the core subjects. However, those that responded negatively did so because they felt it would lead to confusion on the part of parents. While others felt that parents understood the levels and the National Curriculum scale. One respondent suggested that reporting of attainment targets is extended to Key Stage 3.

#### Way Forward

From 2005/06 the annual report to parents should include Attainment Target levels and overall subject levels for English and/ or Welsh, mathematics and science. These further elements of information will enhance the reports to parents and enable teachers to better highlight strengths and areas for development which have become apparent from their assessment of each pupil's work and abilities. The new reporting requirements will feature in ACCAC's Statutory Assessment and Reporting Arrangements guidance.

Question 15: Should Governors Annual Reports in secondary schools include the school and all-Wales results for the non-core subjects alongside those for the core subjects?

	Responses		
	Number Pe		
Yes	105	45	
No	130	55	
Did not answer question	179		

Comments - 45 percent of respondents were in favour of this proposal. A large number of those expressing opposition to the inclusion of the non-core results were concerned about the lack of external moderation. Those supporting inclusion of the non-core subjects felt it would provide a more complete picture of the school and reduce the tendency to concentrate on the core subjects. Further, providing comparable information helps raise standards and the Governors Annual Report enables schools to put their results in context. Respondents also expressed a need to develop a dependable vale-added indicator.

#### Way Forward

The Minister considers the inclusion of the non-core results to be a useful addition to the summary information provided to parents. However, she is also mindful of the need for this information to be consistent and reliable. She therefore intends to postpone the inclusion of non-core subject results in Governors Annual Reports until the Teacher Assessment moderation arrangements are in place.

Question 16: Should secondary school prospectuses include the school and all-Wales results for the non-core subjects alongside those for the core subjects?

	Responses		
	Number Pero		
Yes	94	41	
No	137 59		
Did not answer question	183		

Comments - 41 percent of responses were in agreement with this proposal. Many respondents felt that the core and non-core subjects should be treated in the same way. Reporting all subject scores would raise the status of the non-core subjects. Those opposed were concerned that including non-core results would increase bureaucracy and would be of inconsistent reliability in the absence of external moderation.

#### Way Forward

The Minister proposes to take the same approach with School Prospectuses as outlined for Governors Annual Reports.

Question 17: Should the Welsh Assembly collect and publish the levels achieved in the individual Attainment Targets for the core subjects in Key Stage 2?

	Responses		
	Number	Percentage	
Yes	116	32	
No	241		
Did not answer question	57		

Comments - 32 percent of respondents think that the Welsh Assembly should collect and publish the levels achieved in individual attainment

targets at the end of Key Stage 2. It was important that schools could judge their performance against the Local Education Authority and Wales. A substantial majority of those who responded negatively to this question did so because they thought that the Assembly was proposing the introduction of Primary school league tables. Comments received indicated agreement to collect and collate data but not to publish individual school results.

#### Way Forward

The Welsh Assembly Government will collect and publish the Teacher Assessment Attainment Target level information for the Key Stage 2 core subjects on an LEA and all-Wales basis. Teachers are already determining these levels so it is sensible to use the information to identify specific strengths and weaknesses.

#### **Summary of Proposed Action**

- 15. There was overwhelming support for the two main proposals in the consultation paper; making the Key Stage 2 tests optional for 2005 (80 percent) and the Key Stage 3 tests for 2006 (67 percent). The Minister has therefore decided to implement both of these proposals. New regulations which reflect this decision came into force on 10 November in respect of Key Stage 2 and equivalent ones governing Key Stage 3 will be brought before the National Assembly during the first half of 2005.
- 16. The proposal to provide schools with optional Key Stage 2 assessment materials in 2006/07 was supported by 90 percent of those expressing an opinion. The Minister will therefore ask ACCAC to collate suitable material for distribution to schools in time for the 2006/07 assessment round.
- 17. There was considerable support for external marking being available on an optional basis for Key Stage 2 in 2005 (72 percent) and for Key Stage 3 in 2006 (77 percent). The Minister has therefore asked ACCAC to put in place the necessary arrangements, and to provide guidance to schools on its availability and operation.
- 18. There was also a good deal of support (56 percent for Key Stage 2 and 66 percent for Key Stage 3) for external marking being made available for a further year i.e. in 2006 for Key Stage 2 and 2007 for Key Stage 3. The provision of such a service carries with it a significant cost and the Minister is not, at this stage, minded to extend its availability. However, she will review that decision next year when more intelligence on the take up of the optional Key Stage 2 service in 2005 is available. Similarly, she will review the external marking arrangements for Key Stage 3 following the 2006 assessment round, when again reliable information on the take up of the service will be available.
- 19. The proposed additional INSET days for both Key Stages received significant support. The Minister therefore intends to amend the appropriate Regulation and write to schools with further details in due course.
- 20. With 63 percent supporting the proposal, the Minister intends making it a requirement from 2005/06 that individual pupil reports at the end of Key Stage 2 should include Attainment Target information for each of the core subjects. The appropriate Regulation will be amended and ACCAC will include details of the new requirements in its 'Statutory Assessment Reporting Arrangements' books.
- 21. There was a mixed response to the proposal to include in Governors Annual Reports and School Prospectuses the school and all-Wales results for the non-core subjects: 45 percent supported their inclusion in the Governors Annual Report and 41 percent in the School Prospectus. The

main objection, where one was expressed, was that currently the judgements may not be consistent throughout Wales. The Minister believes that inclusion of this information is useful and provides parents with a further insight to the performance of the individual school. She does, however, understand some of the concerns expressed during the consultation and therefore intends to postpone making it a requirement to include non-core results. A further announcement on when it will become a requirement will be made in due course. However, this is unlikely to be until the Teacher Assessment moderation arrangements are in place when all Key Stage 3 National Curriculum assessment core and non-core will be subject to the same process and should deliver consistent outcomes across the board.

- 22. The proposal to collect and publish Attainment Target information for the core subjects in Key Stage 2 seems to have been misinterpreted by a large number of respondents. 68 percent did not support this proposal, but a significant proportion of these thought the intention was to publish individual school results. This was not the Minister's intention. The proposal was for the information to be collected and published at LEA and Wales level as is currently the case for Key Stage 1.
- 23. The Minister, has therefore decided to take forward her original proposal and will from 2006, include the Key Stage 2 Attainment Target information for each of the core subjects in the annual LEA/Wales results booklets published by the Welsh Assembly Government.
- 24. As outlined in the consultation paper and in the Minister's announcements on this issue, a further consultation will be published which sets out the detail of the Teacher Assessment moderation arrangements for both Key Stages. The paper will also seek views on the coverage and design of the Year 5 skills assessment profiles, which will also be the subject of trials and extensive pilots before being introduced on a statutory basis.

#### Timetable for the new assessment package

#### Key Stage 2

2004/05	Tests will be supplied to all schools and supported by optional external marking. Statutory TA continues in Year 6. Additional INSET day available for transition planning (already put in place).
2005/06	Tests are supplied to all schools but external marking is withdrawn. Statutory TA continues in Year 6. Teachers include attainment target levels in pupil reports. Skills Tests (Year 5) are trialled in a limited number of schools. Already agreed additional INSET day refocused from transition to moderation.
2006/07	Optional assessment materials are provided to assist Teacher Assessments. Statutory TA continues in Year 6. Skills Tests are piloted in all schools. Newly proposed additional INSET day made available for moderation.
2007/08	New Year 5 skills tests are statutory. Statutory TA continues in Year 6.

Teacher moderation work would be ongoing over the whole period with the view to having the new systems/practices fully in place by 2007/08.

#### Key Stage 3

2004/05	Current (year 9) tests will remain statutory. Statutory TA continues for all subjects in Year 9. Additional INSET day available for transition planning (already put in place).
2005/06	Tests are supplied to all schools and supported by optional external marking. Statutory TA continues for all subjects in Year 9. Already agreed additional INSET day refocused from transition to moderation.
2006/07	Tests are optional and external marking is withdrawn. Statutory TA continues for all subjects in Year 9. Newly proposed additional INSET day made available for moderation.
2007/08	Statutory TA continues for all subjects in Year 9.

Teacher moderation and accredited centre work would be ongoing over the whole period with the view to having the new systems/practices fully in place by 2007/08.

#### Year 10

Pupils take part in the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) in 2006 when "scientific literacy" will be the survey's focus.

Arrangements are already in hand to work with England and Northern Ireland on the appointment of a contractor to manage PISA 2006. Schools will be contacted with details of the survey in due course.

#### Annex A

#### Respondents - listed in the order received

#### **Primary Schools**

Ysgol Llanllyfni

Name Local Education

**Authority** 

Gwynedd

Sketty Primary Swansea
Ysgol Pennal Gwynedd

Ysgol Gymraeg Rhydaman Carmarthenshire
Monkton Priory CP Pembrokeshire

Rhosymedre Junior Wrexham

Gwaunmeisgyn Rhondda Cynon Taff

Ysgol Cynfran Conwy

Parc Lewis Primary Rhondda Cynon Taff

YG Felinfach Ceredigion
Builth Primary Powys
Ysgol Porth y Felin Conwy

St Patrick's RC Cardiff Greenfield Caerphilly Rector Drew VA **Flintshire** Flintshire Ysgol Derwenfa Brynmenyn Primary Bridgend St Monica's CIW Cardiff Cardiff Thornhill Primary Ysgol Maesglas Flintshire

Ysgol Llangain Carmarthenshire

Hywel Dda Juniors Cardiff

Barry Island Primary Vale of Glam
Coastlands CP School Pembrokeshire

Tredegarville CIW Cardiff
St Anne's CIW Cardiff
Greenway Primary Cardiff
Ysgol y Garnedd Gwynedd

Ysgol y Glyn Neath Port Talbot Troedyrhiw Merthyr Tydfil Dunvant Jnr Swansea
Ysgol yr Hendre Gwynedd

Osbaston VC Jnr Monmouthshire

Trelawnyd VA Flintshire

Alltwen Primary Neath Port Talbot

Wood Memorial School Flintshire
Llanbister Powys

Alderman Davies Neath Port Talbot

Ysgol Croes Atti y Fflint

Beguildy CIW

Malpas Church Jnr

Ysgol Pontrobert

Hafod Primary

Ysgol Dyffryn Ardudwy

Ysgol y Wern

Flintshire

Flintshire

Powys

Newport

Powys

Swansea

Gwynedd

Cardiff

Harold Road Jnr Monmouthshire
St Mary's Isle of Anglesey

St Peter's Torfaen
St David's Torfaen
Gurnos CP Powys

Blaengwawr Primary Rhondda Cynon Taff
Dolau Primary Rhondda Cynon Taff

Ysgol Ffridd y Llyn Gwynedd Ysgol Dolbadarn Gwynedd Ysgol Esgob Morgan Denbighshire

Knighton Primary Powys

YG Cynwyl Elfed Carmarthenshire

Ysgol Cystennin Conwy
Coed y Brain Caerphilly
Glanrhyd CP Powys
Ffaldau Primary Bridgend
Baden Powell Cardiff

St Joseph's CP Neath Port Talbot

Brynglas Primary Newport

Cwmdar Primary Rhondda Cynon Taff
Bryncoch CIW Neath Port Talbot

Ysgol Llandrillo yn Rhos Conwy
Ysgol Pen y Bryn Gwynedd
Abercarn Primary Caerphilly

Maes yr Haul Bridgend Bwlchgwyn CP Wrexham Arddleen CP **Powys** 

**Baglan Primary** Neath Port Talbot

Heol y Cyw Primary Bridgend Llangiwg Primary Swansea St Mary's RC Newport **Ysgol Gronant** Flintshire Ysgol Crud y Werin Gwynedd YGG Gymunedol Tregaron Ceredigion Ysgol y Waun **Flintshire Arfryn Primary** Swansea Ysgol Glanadda Gwynedd

**Neath Abbey Infants Neath Port Talbot** 

Torfaen Victoria Primary Llanyrafon Primary Torfaen **Cadoxton Primary** Vale of Glam

Ceredigion Nantygroes CP Carmarthenshire

Swansea Penrhos Primary Christchurch CP Denbighshire

St Padarn's RCP

Carreghofa Primary Powys **High Cross Primary** Newport Maendy Primary Torfaen

Neath Port Talbot Clun Primary

St Thomas Primary Swansea Windsor Clive Infants Cardiff

Rhondda Cynon Taff Coed yr Esgob

**Upper Rhymney Primary** Caerphilly Trallwn Primary Swansea Rhesycae VCP **Flintshire** Deiniol CP School Wrexham Cadle Primary Swansea Ysgol Gynradd Carno Powys Glynmarch St Caerphilly

Llanmiloe CP Carmarthenshire

Ysgol Betws yn Rhos Conwy

Ysgol Llandrygarn Isle of Anglesey

St George Conwy Ysgol Llanarmon OC Wrexham Rhosgadfan Primary Gwynedd

St Mary's Pembrokeshire
Blaenbaglan Primary Neath Port Talbot

Ysgol y Wern Wrexham
Cregiau Primary Cardiff
Ysgol Eglwys Bach Conwy

Pontygwaith Primary Rhondda Cynon Taff

Howey CIW School Powys
Ysgol Ffynnonbedr Ceredigion
St John the Baptist CIW VA Flintshire
Pontybrenin Primary Swansea

Caergeiliog Foundation School Isle of Anglesey

Gwernymynydd CP Flintshire
Irfon Valley CP Powys
St Alban's R C Primary Cardiff
Forden CIW Powys

Forden CIW Powys
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Narbeth C P Pembrokeshire
Ysgol Maes Dyfan Vale of Glam
Magor C I W Primary Monmouthshire

Windsor Clive Junior Cardiff

Ty'n y Wern PS Rhondda Cynon Taff

Llanmartin Primary

Glais Primary School

Gwaelod y Garth Primary

Pengam Primary

Newport

Swansea

Cardiff

Caerphilly

Penderyn Primary Rhondda Cynon Taff

Ysgol Borth y Gest Gwynedd
Tongwynlais Primary Cardiff
Rhayader CIW Primary Powys
Ysgol Glanrafon Flintshire

Goytre Fawr Primary Monmouthshire

Glyncoed J S Cardiff

Gilwern Jnr & Inf Monmouthshire

Trefnanney C P Powys

Thornwell Primary Monmouthshire
Blaendulais Primary Neath Port Talbot
St Brides Major Vale of Glam

Ysgol Cwm y Glo Gwynedd

Brookfield Primary Torfaen
Gendros Primary Swansea

Roseheyworth Millenium Primary Blaenau Gwent Ysgol Coedhirwaun Neath Port Talbot

Ysgol Gan Morfa Conwy Monnow Junior Newport

Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llantrisant Rhondda Cynon Taff

St Mary's Catholic Primary Bridgend
Rhiw Syr Dafydd Juniors Newport

Caradog Primary Rhondda Cynon Taff Tonysguboriau Primary Rhondda Cynon Taff

Graigfelin Primary Swansea

Ysgol Glan Cleddau Pembrokeshire Saundersfoot C P Pembrokeshire Georgetown Primary Blaenau Gwent

Lakeside Primary Cardiff

Tairgwaith Primary Carmathenshire
Maes y Coed Primary Rhondda Cynon Taff
Waunceirch Primary Neath Port Talbot

Rumney Jnrs Cardiff
Ysgol Cwmpadarn Ceredigion
Ysgol Bro Dewi Pembrokeshire

Presteigne C P Powys

Penrhys Primary Rhondda Cynon Taff Greenlane Jnrs Monmouthshire

Maesybryn CP Rhondda Cynon Taff

Gwersyllt Jnrs Wrexham
Bryn Deri Primary Cardiff

St Joseph's R C Primary Vale of Glam

St Margaret's RC Primary Rhondda Cynon Taff
Birchgrove Primary Cardiff

Wepre C P Flintshire
Ysgol Caer Drewyn Denbighshire

Derwendeg Primary Rhondda Cynon Taff

Llysfaen Primary Cardiff

St Oswalds V A Pembrokeshire

Birchgrove Jnrs Swansea

Morfa Jnrs Carmathenshire
Pennar Jnrs Pembrokeshire

Cyfartha Jnrs Merthyr Tydfil
Pontllanfraith Primary Caerphilly
Bedlinog Primary Merthyr Tydfil
Ysgol y Lawnt Caerphilly
Willowbrook Primary Cardiff
Meadowlane Primary Cardiff
Hafren Jnrs Powys

Ysgol Trimsaran Carmathenshire

Newport

Northop Hall C P Flintshire

**Eveswell Primary** 

The Dell Primary Monmouthshire Ysgol Gymuned Moelfre Isle of Anglesey

Barker's Lane C P Wrexham
Ysgol Iolo Morganwg Vale of Glam

Cwmclydach Jnrs Rhondda Cynon Taff

Deighton Primary Blaenau Gwent

Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llyn y Forwyn Rhondda Cynon Taff Ystruth Primary Blaenau Gwent Sofrydd Primary Blaenau Gwent

Leighton C P Powys

Cwmlai Primary Rhondda Cynon Taff

Archdeacon John Lewis CIW Bridgend

Penygaer C P Carmarthenshire
All Saints Catholic Primary Blaenau Gwent
Ysgol Gymuned y Fali Isle of Anglesey

Marlborough Jnrs Cardiff

YGGD Trebannws Neath Port Talbot

Holy Family R C Primary Cardiff

Ysgol y Parch Thomas Ellis Isle of Anglesey

Derwen Primary Flintshire
Lansbury Park Jnrs Caerphilly
Cwm Glas Primary Swansea
Coed Eva Jnrs Torfaen

Coed Cae Jnrs Blaenau Gwent

Ysgol y Wern Swansea

Rhos y Fedwen Primary

Beaufort Hill Primary

Ysgol Tremeirchion

Blaenau Gwent

Denbighshire

Blaenau Gwent

Blaenau Gwent

Churchstoke C P Powys

Eagleswell Primary Vale of Glam
Garnlydan Primary Blaenau Gwent

Alexandra C P Wrexham

Waunlwyd Primary Blaenau Gwent

Kitchener Primary Cardiff

Ysgol Gynradd Kingsland Isle of Anglesey

Penygarn Jnrs Torfaen

Queen St Primary Blaenau Gwent Gladstone Primary Vale of Glam

Pentre Primary Rhondda Cynon Taff

Cefn Mawr C P Wrexham

Bryn Bach Primary Blaenau Gwent
Briery Hill Primary Blaenau Gwent

Whiterose Primary

Hillcrest Pentwyn Independent

Rhydypenau Primary

Newport

Powys

Cardiff

Pembroke Primary Monmouthshire

Newton Primary Bridgend
Abermule C P Powys
Cwmfelinfach Primary Newport

Ysgol Gynradd Penygroes Carmarthenshire Richmond Park Primary Carmarthenshire

St Mary's C A Wrexham

Bedwas Jnrs Caerphilly

All Saints C I W Primary Vale of Glam

St Joseph's Jnrs Neath Port Talbot

St Mary's Catholic Primary Wrexham

Ton Pentre Jnrs Rhondda Cynon Taff

Hendre Jnrs Caerphilly
Newton Primary (NAPE Cymru) Swansea

Caegarw Primary Rhondda Cynon Taff

Penybont Primary Bridgend
St Helen's R C School Caerphilly
Holton Primary Vale of Glam

Adamsdown Primary Cardiff

Tenby Jnrs Pembrokeshire

Pendorlan School Conwy

Ysgol y Castell Carmarthenshire

Ysgol Gymraeg Caerfilli Caerphilly
Ysgol Penrhyn New Broughton Wrexham
Gladestry C I W Primary Powys
Penygelli School Wrexham

#### **Secondary Schools**

Ysgol Bro Ingli

Name Local Education Authority

Pembrokeshire

Tonypandy Community College Rhondda Cynon Taff
Dyffryn School Neath Port Talbot

John Summers High School Flintshire
Llandrindod High School Powys
Pontllanfraith Comprehensive Caerphilly
Nantyglo Comprehensive Blaenau Gwent
Ysgol Bro Gwaun Pembrokeshire

Ysgol Llandygai Gwynedd
Llantwit Major School Vale of Glam
Ysgol Llandudoch Pembrokeshire
Ysgol y Strade Carmarthenshire
Ysgol y Preseli Pembrokeshire

Ysgol y Moelwyn Gwynedd
Porthcawl Comprehensive Bridgend
Corpus Christi RC High School Cardiff
Ysgol y Creuddyn Conwy

Tonyrefail School Rhondda Cynon Taff

Penyrheol Comprehensive Swansea

Hawthorn High School Rhondda Cynon Taff

Croesyciliog School Torfaen
Cathays High Cardiff

Afon Taf High Merthyr Tydfil
Caldicot Monmouthshire
Greenhill School Pembrokeshire
Ysgol Bryngwyn Carmarthenshire

Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy Conwy

Tonyrefail School (Science Dept) Rhondda Cynon Taff
Tonyrefail School Rhondda Cynon Taff

Pontarddulais Comp Swansea

Pen y Dre High Merthyr Tydfil Abertillery Comp Blaenu Gwent

Eirias High School Conwy
Brecon High School Powys
Woodlands High School Cardiff
Crickhowell High School Powys
Hartridge High Newport

Bishop Hedley High Merthyr Tydfil
Cyfarthfa High Merthyr Tydfil
Milford Haven Pembrokeshire

Ysgol Tryfan Gwynedd

Afon Taf High Merthyr Tydfil
St Joseph's RC & Sixth Form Centre Neath Port Talbot

Llanishen High Cardiff Newbridge Comprehensive Caerphilly Cefn Hengoed Community School Swansea Flint High School **Flintshire** Llanederyn High Cardiff Alun School **Flintshire** Bishop Gore Comprehensive Swansea Bassaleg Newport Whitchurch High Cardiff Cardiff **Flintshire** 

Mary Immaculate High Hawarden High (Maths Faculty) Hawarden High **Flintshire** Glyn Derw High Cardiff **Duffryn High School** Newport Ysgol John Bright Conwy Penyrheol Comprehensive Swansea St IIItyd's Catholic High (Science Dept) Cardiff Bettws High Newport

Cefn Saeson Comp Neath Port Talbot

Blackwood Comprehensive Caerphilly
Bishopston Comprehensive Swansea
Risca Community Comprehensive Caerphilly
Crickhowell High School Powys
Crickhowell High School (Maths Dept)

Treorchy Comprehensive Rhondda Cynon Taff

Bishopston Comprehensive Swansea

Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera

Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen

Ysgol Pantycelyn

Bettws High Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan

Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg

Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr

Neath Port Talbot

Gwynedd

Carmarthenshire

Newport Conwy

Vale of Glam

Swansea

#### **Local Education Authorities**

Cardiff

Carmarthenshire

Denbighshire

Flintshire

Powys

Swansea

Torfaen

#### **Teacher and School Organisations**

Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL)

Cymdeithias Ysgolion Dros Addysg Gymraeg (CYDAG)

General Teaching Council for Wales

National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT)

National Union of Teachers (Wales) (NUT)

Secondary Heads Association (SHA)

Undeb Cenedlaethol Athrawon Cymru (UCAC)

Welsh Primary Schools Association (WPSA)

#### Other Organisations

Estyn

Monmouthshire Diocesan Office

National Association of Educational Inspectors Advisers and Consultants

(NAEIAC)

National Confederation of Parent Teacher Association

University of Wales, Bangor

Welsh Language Board

Ysgrifennydd Addysg Eglwys Bresbyteraidd Cymru

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Sharon Goulden Bridgend
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In addition a further 18 individuals responded to the consultation paper but either wished to remain anonymous or did not give address details.

Those listed below responded within the two-week period following the end of the consultation.

Name
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Cwmrhydyceirw Primary School

Cardiff High School

Cardiff

Address

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Swansea

Cardiff

Caerphilly LEA

National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT)

R Bill Cardiff
Steve Morris Cardiff
Jude Brigley Cardiff

## Annex B Responses to the Proposals by Category of Respondent

Question 1 - Should the National Curriculum Key Stage 2 tests be provided to schools on an optional or statutory basis in 2004/05?

Category of Response	Total Number of responses	Percentage of responses electing for statutory	Percentage of responses electing for optional	Percentage of unclear responses or question unanswered
Primary	269	13%	86%	1%
School	(100%)			
Secondary	75	31%	28%	41%
Schools	(100%)			
Individuals	47 (100%)	21%	66%	13%
Other Responses	23 (100%)	22%	70%	8%

Question 2 - If provided on an optional basis should external marking be available in 2005?

Category of Response	Total Number of responses	Percentage of responses electing for Yes	Percentage of responses electing for No	Percentage of unclear responses or question unanswered
Primary	269	66%	33%	1%
School	(100%)			
Secondary	75	55%	1%	44%
Schools	(100%)			
Individuals	47 (100%)	66%	19%	15%
Other Responses	23 (100%)	70%	22%	8%

#### Footnote.

- 1. Other Responses includes Local Education Authorities, Teacher and School Organisations and other bodies with an interest in education.
- 2. Due to rounding some component parts may not add to 100percent.

Question 3 - Should the National Curriculum Key Stage 2 tests be provided to schools on an optional or statutory basis in 2005/06?

Category of Response	Total Number of responses	Percentage of responses electing for statutory	Percentage of responses electing for optional	Percentage of unclear responses or question unanswered
Primary	269	13%	85%	2%
School	(100%)			
Secondary	75	16%	41%	43%
Schools	(100%)			
Individuals	47 (100%)	9%	81%	10%
Other Responses	23 (100%)	4%	78%	18%

Question 4 - If provided on an optional basis should external marking be available in 2006?

Category of	Total	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
Response	Number of	of responses	of responses	of unclear
	responses	electing for	electing for	responses or
		Yes	No	question
				unanswered
Primary	269	52%	45%	3%
School	(100%)			
Secondary	75	43%	11%	47%
Schools	(100%)			
Individuals	47	53%	30%	17%
	(100%)			
Other	23	30%	57%	13%
Responses	(100%)			

Question 5- Should the additional INSET day in 2005/06 be used for moderation purposes?

Category of Response	Total Number of responses	Percentage of responses electing for Yes	Percentage of responses electing for No	Percentage of unclear responses or question unanswered
Primary	269	83%	16%	1%
School	(100%)			
Secondary	75	45%	12%	43%
Schools	(100%)			
Individuals	47 (100%)	77%	11%	13%
Other Responses	23 (100%)	83%	4%	13%

Question 6 - Should optional assessment materials be made available to assist teacher assessments in 2006/07?

Category of	Total	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
Response	Number of	of responses	of responses	of unclear
	responses	electing for	electing for	responses or
		Yes	No	question
				unanswered
Primary	269	81%	10%	9%
School	(100%)			
Secondary	75	50%	5%	45%
Schools	(100%)			
Individuals	47	83%	4%	13%
	(100%)			
Other	23	74%	9%	17%
Responses	(100%)			

Question 7 - Should an additional INSET day be made available in 2006/07 for moderation purposes?

Category of Response	Total Number of responses	Percentage of responses electing for Yes	Percentage of responses electing for No	Percentage of unclear responses or question unanswered
Primary	269	84%	14%	1%
School	(100%)			
Secondary	75	48%	9%	43&
Schools	(100%)			
Individuals	47 (100%)	81%	6%	13%
Other Responses	23 (100%)	78%	9%	13%

Question 8 - Should the National Curriculum Key Stage 3 tests be provided to schools on an optional or statutory basis in 2005/06?

Category of Response	Total Number of responses	Percentage of responses electing for statutory	Percentage of responses electing for optional	Percentage of unclear responses or question unanswered
Primary	269	3%	15%	82%
School	(100%)	370	1370	0270
Secondary	75	47%	48%	5%
Schools	(100%)			
Individuals	47 (100%)	19%	55%	26%
Other Responses	23 (100%)	22%	65%	13%

Question 9 - If provided on an optional basis should external marking be available in 2006?

Category of Response	Total Number of responses	Percentage of responses electing for Yes	Percentage of responses electing for No	Percentage of unclear responses or question unanswered
Primary	269	11%	7%	81%
School	(100%)			
Secondary	75	83%	11%	7%
Schools	(100%)			
Individuals	47 (100%)	53%	17%	30%
Other Responses	23 (100%)	74%	13%	13%

Question 10 - Should the additional INSET day in 2005/06 be used for moderation purposes?

Category of Response	Total Number of responses	Percentage of responses electing for Yes	Percentage of responses electing for No	Percentage of unclear responses or question unanswered
Primary	269	16%	1%	82%
School	(100%)			
Secondary	75	80%	17%	3%
Schools	(100%)			
Individuals	47 (100%)	64%	9%	28%
Other Responses	23 (100%)	78%	4%	17%

Question 11 - Should the National Curriculum Key Stage 3 tests be provided to schools on an optional or statutory basis in 2006/07?

Category of Response	Total Number of responses	Percentage of responses electing for statutory	Percentage of responses electing for optional	Percentage of unclear responses or question unanswered
Primary School	269 (100%)	3%	16%	82%
Secondary Schools	75 (100%)	32%	64%	4%
Individuals	47 (100%)	17%	57%	26%
Other Responses	23 (100%)	17%	61%	22%

Question 12 - If provided on an optional basis should external marking be available in 2007?

Category of Response	Total Number of	Percentage of responses	Percentage of responses	Percentage of unclear
·	responses	electing for Yes	electing for No	responses or question unanswered
Primary	269	10%	9%	82%
School	(100%)			
Secondary	75	75%	17%	8%
Schools	(100%)			
Individuals	47 (100%)	47%	23%	30%
Other Responses	23 (100%)	39%	43%	17%

Question 13 - Should the additional INSET day in 2006/07 be used for moderation purposes?

Category of Response	Total Number of responses	Percentage of responses electing for Yes	Percentage of responses electing for No	Percentage of unclear responses or question unanswered
Primary	269	16%	1%	82%
School	(100%)			
Secondary	75	84%	13%	3%
Schools	(100%)			
Individuals	47 (100%)	62%	11%	28%
Other Responses	23 (100%)	78%	4%	17%

Question 14 - Should, with effect from 2005/06 the annual report to parents include Attainment Target levels and overall subject levels for English and/or Welsh, mathematics and science?

Category of Response	Total Number of responses	Percentage of responses electing for Yes	Percentage of responses electing for No	Percentage of unclear responses or question unanswered
Primary	269	53%	37%	10%
School	(100%)			
Secondary	75	63%	35%	3%
Schools	(100%)			
Individuals	47 (100%)	64%	26%	11%
Other Responses	23 (100%)	74%	13%	13%

Question 15 - Should Governors Annual Reports in secondary schools include the school and all-Wales results for the non-core subjects alongside those for the core subjects?

Category of Response	Total Number of responses	Percentage of responses electing for Yes	Percentage of responses electing for No	Percentage of unclear responses or question unanswered
Primary	269	12%	28%	59%
School	(100%)			
Secondary	75	49%	45%	5%
Schools	(100%)			
Individuals	47 (100%)	43%	32%	26%
Other Responses	23 (100%)	65%	22%	13%

Question 16 - Should secondary school prospectuses include the school and all-Wales results for the non-core subjects alongside those for the core subjects?

Category of Response	Total Number of responses	Percentage of responses electing for Yes	Percentage of responses electing for No	Percentage of unclear responses or question unanswered
Primary	269	10%	30%	60%
School	(100%)			
Secondary	75	47%	47%	7%
Schools	(100%)			
Individuals	47 (100%)	40%	30%	30%
Other Responses	23 (100%)	61%	26%	13%

Question 17 - Should the Welsh Assembly collect and publish the levels achieved in the individual Attainment Targets for the core subjects in Key Stage 2?

Category of Response	Total Number of responses	Percentage of responses electing for Yes	Percentage of responses electing for No	Percentage of unclear responses or question unanswered
Primary	269	23%	65%	12%
School	(100%)			
Secondary	75	28%	49%	23%
Schools	(100%)			
Individuals	47 (100%)	38%	47%	15%
Other Responses	23 (100%)	61%	30%	9%