



REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE

26 May 2021

Report by: Arwyn Thomas, GwE Managing Director

Subject: Assessment arrangements: summer term 2021

1.0 Purpose of the Report

To submit a summary of Welsh Government guidance on the 2021 term assessment arrangements published on April 7th, 2021 to the members of the Joint Committee.

2.0 Background

2.1 Following the most recent lockdown, guidance for schools and settings on the assessment of learners for the summer term 2021 has been issued. This relates to normal assessment practices, not the arrangements being made for general qualifications this year.

3.0 Considerations

3.1 At the end of the Foundation Phase, KS2 and KS3, schools will not be required to conduct or record final assessments, and National Data Collection will not take place in the 2020/21 academic year.

3.2 There are no expectations that moderation conversations for Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 will be undertaken.

3.3 Schools will need to consider how to support transition between key stages. Professional experience and knowledge of their learners should drive the dialogue to build on and support onward progression.

3.4 Learner well-being is a key focus this coming term. Assessment for learner progression, embedding assessment in day-to-day practice, engaging with the learner and involving them in understanding and then planning their own progression journey can all contribute to supporting learner well-being.

3.5 The requirements around personalised assessments will continue on a reasonable endeavours basis and their use is encouraged to enable teachers to understand and support individual learner needs.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The Joint Committee is asked to note and accept the content of the report.

5.0 Financial implications

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report. GwE will operate within current financial resources.

6.0 Equalities Impact

6.1 There are no new equalities implications arising from this report.

7.0 Personnel Implications

7.1 There are no new personnel implications arising from this report.

8.0 Consultation undertaken

8.1 Consultation took place with GwE Management Board.

OPINION OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer:

Nothing to add from a propriety perspective.

Statutory Finance Officer:

I note that part 5.1 of the report confirms there are no financial implications arising from this report, and that GwE will operate within their current financial resources.