**Consultation Response Form**

The draft Welsh in Education Strategic Plans Regulations (Wales) 2019 and Guidance

Please return this form to reach the Welsh Government no later than 2 September 2019.

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**Question 1** – We would like to know your views on our proposals to:

1. extend the implementation period of a Welsh in Education Strategic Plan to 10 years

1. commence the next Plan in 2021 and for progress to be reported according to the academic school year

**Supporting comments**

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**Question 2** – We would like to know your views on our proposals to:

1. remove the duty for local authorities to Plan their provision of Welsh-medium education based on the results of a parental assessment
2. replace this duty with a new provision in the regulations for local authorities to set their own targets in their Plans to increase the percentage of Year 1 learners taught through the medium of Welsh.
3. require local authorities to have due regard to Welsh Government guidance when calculating the targets to be included in the local authority Plan.

**Supporting comments**

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**Question 3** – We would like to know your views on:

1. the new statements included in the Schedule to the Welsh in Education Strategic Plans (Wales) Regulations 2019
2. setting out in statutory guidance what supporting information local authorities should be including in their Plan

**Supporting comments**

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**Question 4** – We would like to know your views on our proposals to:

1. require local authorities to review their Plans annually and submit an annual progress report to the Welsh Ministers based on the review.
2. the requirement that local authorities to submit their revised Plan to the Welsh Ministers for approval within 4 months of the reviewif the local authority deems it necessary to revise the Plan.

**Supporting comments**

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**Question 5** – Do you have any other comments on the draft 2019 Regulations and statutory guidance?

**Supporting comments**

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**Question 6** – We would like to know your views on our approach for the Regulatory Impact Assessment. Do you have any comments regarding the costs outlined for the options, or any comments regarding the benefits and dis-benefits identified for both options?

**Supporting comments**

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**Question 7** – We would like to know your views on our approach for the Impact Assessments. We would particularly value your view on the proposed impacts on groups with protected characteristics.

**Supporting comments**

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**Question 8** – We would like to know your views on the effects that the draft 2019 Regulations would have on the Welsh language, specifically on:

1. opportunities for people to use Welsh
2. treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

**Supporting comments**

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**Question 9** – Please also explain how you believe the proposed policy for the draft 2019 Regulations could be formulated or changed so as to have:

1. positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language
2. no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

**Supporting comments**

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**Question 10** – We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.

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