

An Education Database

New regulations for local authorities to make a list of all school aged children



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A consultation for young people

Hello

The Welsh Government wants all children in Wales to get a good education. We want to prepare them for life and the future. We don't want any child to miss out.

The situation

The Education Act 1996 says:

local authorities (councils) must make sure all children in their area are getting a good education.

That means they must know which children live in the area and their education.

The problem

In Wales every child must have an education. But it can happen in different ways:



local authority schools



Local authorities already know about all the children who go to a school run by them.



independent schools



They will know children at independent schools.



educated at home



They know about children who have been taken out of school to educate at home.



But they may not know about children who have never been to school. That's because parents don't need to let a local authority know that they intend to educate at home.

The solution

We want local authorities to set up a database of all school age children in their area.



A database is a list of information on a computer.

This booklet tells you about the new regulations (rules) we want to put in place for this.

We want to know what you think so we don't leave anything important out.

About the database

We want local authorities to make a new database using information from:



their schools



independent schools



Local Health Boards

There are new laws so health boards and independent schools can share information with local authorities:

- The draft Children Act 2004 Database (Wales) Regulations 2020
- The draft Education (Information about Children in Independent Schools) (Wales) Regulations 2020

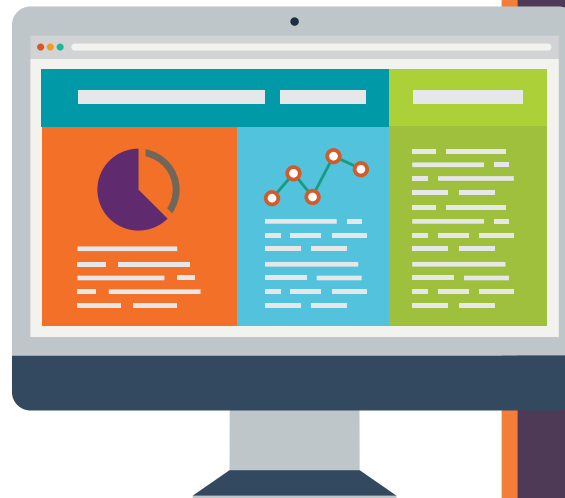


Health Boards won't pass on any medical information.

Using the database

This will help local authorities know about all school aged children in their area.

They can use the information to check all children are getting an education. It will also help them spot a child who isn't getting any education and make sure families are offered help.



Do you think a database will help local authorities know about children in their area?

Yes

No

Don't know

Why?



If there isn't a database, what else would help local authorities know about children in their area?

Comment

The information

The only information on the database would be:

Basic information

- the child's name and address
- their gender
- their date of birth.
- the name and details of a parent

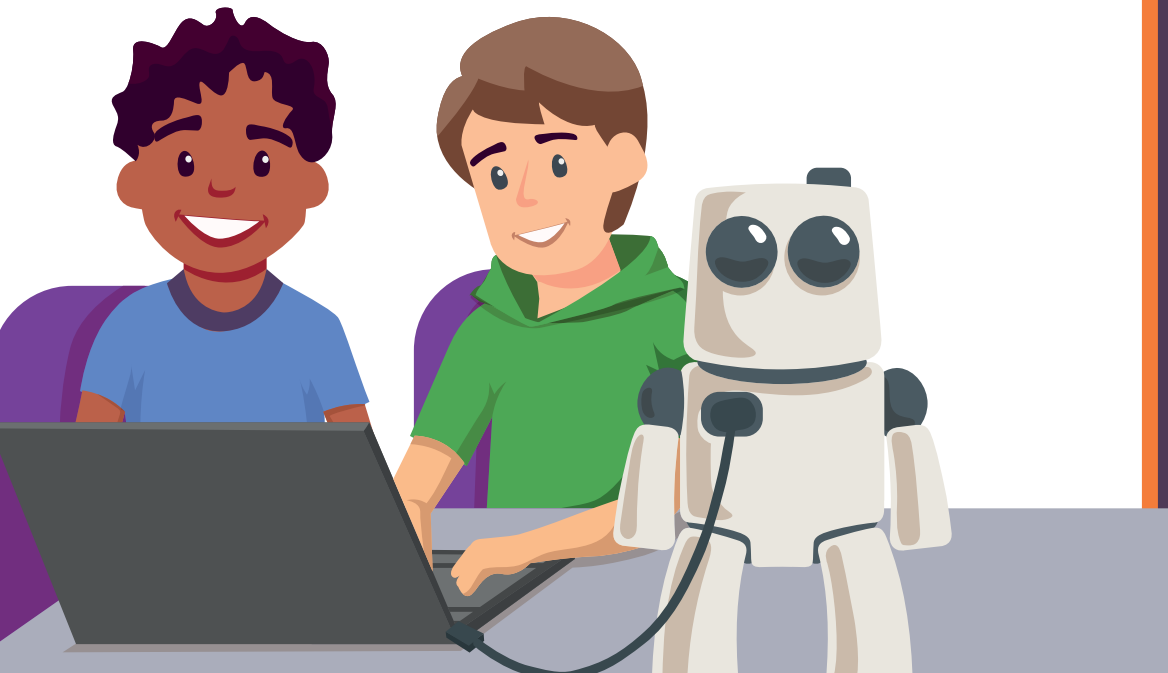
Education information

- the name and details of the school the child is going to
- or where the child is getting their education 'other than at school' and who is providing it.

This information will be checked and updated once a year.

Keeping information safe

Each local authority will look after their own database. By law, they must have systems in place to keep information private and safe.



Do you think this is the right information to put on the database?

Yes No Don't know
Why?



Do you think it should be updated every year?

Yes No Don't know
Why?


Thanks for reading this

Please email your answers to:

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Please put “**Draft regulations consultation – WG39220**” in the subject line.

Or post to:

 Draft Regulation Guidance Consultation
Learner Inclusion Team
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Is there anything else we need to think about?



The Welsh language is important to us.

Do you think this will affect the Welsh language?

Yes

No

Don't know

