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Children's Commissioner for Wales Clywch Report – Recommendation 21.13 –

Consultation on Guidance on Safeguarding Children and child Protection for Managers and Drama Teachers

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I recommend that the Welsh Assembly Government, in partnership with the DfES, ACCAC and the equivalent qualifying curriculum and assessment authorities in Scotland, Northern Ireland and England, consider the way in which drama is taught and examined in schools and further education colleges, with the aim of producing practice guidance within 2 years of the publication of this report that will include consideration of the following issues:

- i. selection of appropriate drama texts in education and examinations;
- ii. adult participation in school drama and drama practical examinations;
 - (iii) safe teaching of drama, in particular the teacher's role in pupil improvisation and method acting;
 - (iv) venues and timings for drama examinations and rehearsals;
- i. video recording of children and young people in drama rehearsals and practical examinations and the need to obtain parental consent
 - (vi) the practice of involving younger pupils in drama practical examinations of older pupils;
 - (vii) monitoring and sanctions in relation to the late submission of scripts for practical examination to examining boards;
 - (viii) express guidance relating to sexual content and language, intimate physical contact and nudity in drama practical examinations and

lessons;

(ix) the duties of schools and college management in monitoring the implementation and observance of guidance.