

# SL(5)566 – The Education (Notification of School Term Dates) (Wales) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020

## Background and Purpose

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These Regulations made under the Education Act 2002 amend the Education (Notification of School Term Dates) (Wales) Regulations 2014 (SI 2014/1249) ('the 2014 Regulations'). The 2014 Regulations provide that local authorities must notify the Welsh Ministers of the school dates determined at least two years in advance (i.e. by the final working day in August two years before the school year in question).

The amendments made by these Regulations amend the 2014 Regulations and specifically, the date in regulation 4 for the 2022/23 school year so that local authorities are required to notify the Welsh Ministers of their proposed term dates by 31 December 2020 instead of the last working day of August 2020.

## Procedure

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Negative.

## Technical Scrutiny

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No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2 in respect of this instrument.

## Merits Scrutiny

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The following one point is identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

### **1) Standing Order 21.3(ii) that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issue of public policy likely to be of interest to the Senedd.**

The Committee notes the comments provided in the Explanatory Memorandum by the Welsh Government concerning Children's rights – *"We have undertaken a Children's Rights Impact Assessment. No conflict with the UNCRC has been identified and there are no negative impacts on children and young people. The purpose of the Term Dates Regulations 2020 is to ensure that parents, learners and other stakeholders can plan ahead for the 2022/23 academic year without undue burden on local authorities during the coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency"*.

## Implications arising from exiting the European Union

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No implications are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

## Government Response

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A Welsh Government response is not required.



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