



Local authority Directors of Education
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Dear Colleagues

Additional bank holiday in 2022

As you are probably aware, there will be an additional bank holiday for the UK on Thursday 2 June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This is in addition to Friday 3 June, making a four day weekend for the celebrations.

The Minister for Education and the Welsh Language has agreed to amend the Education (School Day and School Year) (Wales) Regulations 2003 to allow for the extra bank holiday. The School Teachers' Pay and Conditions (Wales) Document 2021 will also make this same provision.

In practice, because it falls within the Whitsun break, this means that schools will be able to take an extra day of their choosing during the 2021-22 school year. Schools may decide when to take that day, in agreement with their local authority, and though it would be good practice to work with neighbouring schools and authorities to be consistent, there will be no obligation to harmonise this day across the local authority or Wales. We expect schools to consider plans carefully and ensure parents are given as much notice as possible.

If you have any queries, please contact SMED2@gov.wales.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Huw Owen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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