

# The New Curriculum in Wales

The New Curriculum proposals aim to reset our approach to the curriculum and put Wales at the forefront of what a modern, forward-looking curriculum should look like. These changes will affect all children from ages 3 to 16. Here are the main points you should know:

The Old Curriculum	The New Curriculum
<p><b>The basis of the old curriculum centres around:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society;</li> <li>Preparing pupils at school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.</li> </ul>	<p><b>The new curriculum will be centred around:</b></p> <p><b>The Four Purposes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives;</li> <li>Enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work;</li> <li>Ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world;</li> <li>Healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Subjects taught in the old curriculum include:</b></p> <p><b>Core subjects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mathematics;</li> <li>English;</li> <li>Science;</li> <li>Welsh (in Welsh speaking schools).</li> </ul> <p><b>Foundation subjects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design and technology;</li> <li>Information and communication technology;</li> <li>Physical education;</li> <li>History;</li> <li>Geography;</li> <li>Art and design;</li> <li>Music;</li> <li>Welsh (in non-Welsh speaking schools).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Subjects taught in the new curriculum will include:</b></p> <p><b>6 Areas of Learning:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressive arts;</li> <li>Health and well-being;</li> <li>Humanities (including RE which should remain compulsory to age 16);</li> <li>Languages, literacy and communication (including Welsh);</li> <li>Mathematics and numeracy;</li> <li>Science and technology.</li> </ul>
<p><b>The old curriculum prescribes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summative Assessment;</li> <li>National tests;</li> <li>Formative Assessment.</li> </ul>	<p><b>The new curriculum will prescribe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online Personal Testing;</li> <li>Annual online testing in addition to assessment against the proposed progression steps at ages 5, 8, 11, 14 and 16;</li> <li>Formative Assessment;</li> <li>Summative Assessment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>The old curriculum is divided into:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foundation Phase (ages 3 to 7);</li> <li>Key Stage 2 (ages 8 to 11).</li> </ul>	<p><b>The new curriculum will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove Foundation Phase and Key Stages;</li> <li>There will be a continuum of learning from ages 3 to 16;</li> <li>Progression will be signalled through Progression Steps at five points in the learning continuum, relating broadly to expectations at ages 5, 8, 11, 14 and 16.</li> </ul>
<p><b>The old curriculum contains:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cross Curricular Subjects;</li> <li>Literacy;</li> <li>Numeracy;</li> <li>Digital Framework.</li> </ul>	<p><b>The new curriculum will contain:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cross Curricular Subjects;</li> <li>Literacy;</li> <li>Numeracy;</li> <li>Digital Framework;</li> </ul>