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Welsh Government

Mr Jonathan Haswell
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07 September 2020

Dear Mr Jonathan Haswell

**Variation to: Award letter dated 29th July 2020
Award of Funding in relation to Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant 2020 -
2021 – ERW 02/20 -21**

I can confirm that we are content to increase the Funding awarded to Pembrokeshire County Council in delivering the above grant award by a further £181,875 20/21. The increased funding is to support:

- i) Accelerating Learning Programme - £ 156,875
- ii) Collaborative Project to Support Newly Qualified Teachers - £25,000

With effect from 29 July 2020 unless otherwise stated, the Funding Agreement shall be varied as follows:

The appended Schedule 1 wording, shall be added to the existing Schedule 1 wording of Award of Funding letter dated 29 July 2020.

The appended Schedule 5 wording, shall be added to the existing Schedule 5 of Award of Funding letter dated 29 July 2020.

In Condition 7 (Your general obligations to us) insert the following:

(i) notify us of any funding received by you from any source in relation to the effects of the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) including but not limited to your insurance provider (cancellation/business disruption insurance), the UK Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and/or any Welsh Government fund/scheme.

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In Condition 8 (Declarations) replace with:

(g) Acceptance of this award of Funding will not result in duplicate funding in respect of any part of the Purposes. This includes but is not limited to any payments received by you in relation to the effects of the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) from your insurance provider (cancellation/business disruption insurance), the UK Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and/or any Welsh Government fund/scheme.

In Schedule 3 (Notification Events) insert the following:

21. there is a duplication of funding in respect of any part of the Purposes This includes but is not limited to any payments received by you in relation to the effects of the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) from your insurance provider (cancellation/business disruption insurance), the UK Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and/or any Welsh Government fund/scheme;

This brings the total amount allocated for Local Authority Education Grant 2020-21 to £34,092,736 for 2020/21.

Except as expressly varied in this letter, the Award of Funding shall continue in full force and effect.

None of the additional funding will be paid to you until we have received your signed letter. We must receive your signed letter within 14 working days or the additional funding will automatically be withdrawn.

Please return the signed copy of this letter to us by email to natasha.burton@gov.wales

A scanned PDF of the signed letter is preferred, but it must be returned from the email address of the project manager named in the original grant award letter dated 29 July 2020.

Yours sincerely



Mel Godfrey

Signed by Mel Godfrey
under authority of the Minister for Education
one of the Welsh Ministers

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Schedule 1
*(additional to Schedule 1 of the original
grant agreement letter dated 29 July 2020)*
The Purpose

Accelerating Learning Programme

The expectation of the funding is to help schools meet the demands of the **Recruit, Recover, Raise Standards: Accelerating Learning Programme** as announced by the Minister for Education on 8 July 2020.

During the crisis, it has become clear that many learners have not progressed as much as they might in terms of their progress in learning, some learners having been impacted more seriously than others have. The funding allocated to schools via local authorities enables investment in schools to allow them to recruit and deploy additional human capacity to support learners in addressing their needs following the initial COVID-19 crisis and period of school closure.

All pupils are eligible for additional help when they return to school in September, although the scope of the help needed will vary significantly depending on individual circumstances. Given that resources are limited, we will prioritise in the following way when planning the allocation of resources:

In addition to the funding allocated to schools, funding has also been made available for the middle tier, via the regional consortia to support schools to deliver the accelerated learning programme.

What the funding should be used to provide:

The main purpose of the grant is to support enhancement of capacity in relevant organisations to ensure coherence across the region in the delivery of the accelerated learning programme.

The grant is designed to fund new and distinctive work specifically in relation to the principles of the accelerated learning programme. This work should involve the region, LAs, HEIs and the voluntary sector. The grant can fund additional capacity in any or all of these, as agreed by you and your LAs.

The grant is also designed to support you in any additional work you have to do to support and sign off schools' plans for use of the accelerated learning programme grant at school and cluster level. These plans should reflect how schools will deliver accelerated learning

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programme and strengthen their learning resilience planning to prepare for future disruption.

You and your LAs may wish to use some of the grant to support enhanced professional learning for schools needing additional help with preparing for delivering a blended solution as a response to future disruption.

The funding is **not eligible to be used** for the purchase of equipment, including ICT devices, or any form of consumables and is **only to be used** to deploy additional human resources in support of the programme.

There is an expectation that you will maximise the efficacy of the funding appropriately across the region, LAs, HEIs and the voluntary sector to maximise the impact of funding.

Monitoring requirements

The provision of such a large amount of additional funding to deliver the accelerated learning programme dictates we all ensure that the resources are deployed well and have the required impact. However, we all wish to minimise bureaucracy.

In keeping with these principles, you are required to:

- provide a plan outlining your region's response to the grant detailing how you will use the resource to achieve the above objectives by end of September;
- provide termly monitoring reports on the progress against delivery of the plan;
- sign off school level accelerated learning programme and learning resilience planning by end of September.

COLLABORATIVE PROJECT TO SUPPORT NEWLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS STARTING INDUCTION FROM SEPTEMBER 2020 TO JULY 2021

Context

Funding has been made available for ITE providers and regional consortium induction leads to develop collaborative projects to support newly qualified teachers (NQTs) starting statutory induction in September 2020.

Aims

The aims of this project are for ERW to work collaboratively with the University of Wales Trinity St Davids to:

- provide high quality resources for NQTs to aid transition from ITE to induction

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- support NQTs to develop their practice in general terms and in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic
- facilitate collaboration between ITE providers, regional consortia and schools.

Monitoring requirements

The provision of funding requires evidence of the effective deployment of resources and evidence that resources have the required impact. We are mindful of the need to avoid unnecessary bureaucracy and this is reflected in the reporting requirements below.

Timescale

September 2020	delivery of the project commences
End of autumn term 2020	progress report to Welsh Government
End of spring term 2021	progress report to Welsh Government
End of summer term 2021	final report to Welsh Government

Total amount of funding

£25,000

Please note that the funding relates to the 2020-21 financial year but to reflect the timing of the work, the final report is not due until July 2021.

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TWO SIGNATORIES ARE REQUIRED

We hereby accept this additional award of Funding in relation to Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant 2020 -2021- ERW – 02/2020

Signature
An authorised signatory of Pembrokeshire County Council

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Job Title

Date

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