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Welsh Government

Mr Jonathan Haswell  
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30 November 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 03/20 -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 £35,260.50 for 20/21. The increased funding is to support:

- i) Supporting Adopted Learners - £5,260.50
- ii) NPEP Funding - £30,000
- iii) 14 – 19 Learning Pathways (*No funding changes, T&Cs only*)

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.

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 Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant 2020-21 to **£34,127,997** 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](mailto: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



Neal O'Leary

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

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **SUPPORTING ADOPTED LEARNERS IN EDUCATION FROM NOVEMBER 2020 TO JULY 2021**

#### **Context**

Funding has been made available for the ERW regional consortium to support adopted learners in education between November 2020 and July 2021. The funding is specifically for providing education memberships to schools, available for purchase from Adoption UK. The memberships would run for the remainder of the academic year 2020/21.

#### **Aims**

The aims of this funding are to provide knowledge and resources to schools to help them better understand the needs of their adopted learners and support them as they respond to those needs.

This will be achieved by working with Adoption UK to offer a total of 42 education memberships to schools in ERW. The PDG-LAC lead coordinator will identify the schools in the consortia that would most benefit from an education membership and provide this information to Adoption UK.

Members will be able to access a range of standard membership benefits and a range of Wales specific educational resources for the academic year 2020/21. Adoption UK will deliver a webinar to selected ERW schools to explain what the professional membership package includes and why they might find it helpful when planning the support needs of their adopted learners.

The funding is provided on a pilot basis for 2020-21 only. ERW will work with Adoption UK to establish a method for monitoring the outcomes of the memberships for both schools and learners in order to evaluate the impact of the project.

#### **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**

November 2020	delivery of the project commences
End of spring term 2021	progress report to Welsh Government on project outputs

End of summer term 2021

final report to Welsh Government on project outputs, and outcomes for schools and learners captured by ERW and Adoption UK

The project will be further monitored via discussion in the PDG Advisers monthly meeting with Welsh Government.

**Total amount of funding to the central south consortium:**

£5,260.50 (cost to provide 42 memberships)

Please note that the funding relates to the 2020-21 financial year but to reflect the education memberships running for the academic year, the final report is not due until July 2021.

**Post-16 NPEP**

The purpose of the pilot is to undertake small-scale action research specifically focussed on areas related to improving teaching and learning of A Levels. The aim is to lead to a greater sharing of resources between schools and colleges, and the joint development and sharing of pedagogical knowledge with a specific focus on A Level teaching and learning in both settings.

ERW will support and facilitate 10 secondary schools to participate in the Post-16 NPEP pilot.

Each school or college will be allocated 10 days (£3,000) to undertake collaborative enquiry and the output of the project will be published on Hwb.

## 14-19 Learning Pathways

***(This will only apply if and when the disapplication of the requirement to the minimum number of choices made in the Learning and Skills Wales 2009 Measure is withdrawn)***

You must ensure schools in your local authority meet the requirements of the Learning and Skills (Wales) Measure 2009 that they offer students a minimum of 25 courses, 3 of which are vocational at KS4 and at post 16 schools must offer a minimum of 30 choices of which 5 must be vocational. The vocational courses for post 16 must fall across the 3 domains, one of which must be mathematics, science and technology domain.

You must ensure that all schools have a local curriculum offer that meets the requirements of the Learning and Skills Wales Measure by 30 April 2021 and then confirm in writing to Welsh Government no later than 31 May 2021 that all schools within your consortia have met the requirement of the measure.

For Welsh Medium Schools and bilingual schools consortia must engage with schools that offer courses through the medium of Welsh to confirm their local curriculum offer data, required by the reporting obligation under Section 116B(4) of the Education Act 2002 (See details below), in writing to Welsh Government no later than 31 May 2021. Welsh Medium Schools and bilingual schools will need to complete a spreadsheet which will be provided by Welsh Government and consortia will need to provide this data to Welsh Government by 31 May 2022. Officials intend for this data to be used by the Welsh Language division to inform their work on the WESP regulations.

***Section 116B(4) of the Education Act 2002 sets out that a local authority must provide the Welsh Ministers with a report on courses through the medium of Welsh in accordance with their instructions (“reporting obligation”). The report must:-***

- *(a) describe the courses of study included within local curricula established by the authority for that academic year which were to be taught through the medium of Welsh;*
- *(b) describe how many pupils elected to follow such courses and how many pupils were entitled to follow such courses;*
- *(c) explain what the authority plans to do in academic years following that to which the report relates so that registered pupils of schools maintained by the authority are given the opportunity to follow local curricula courses of study which are taught through the medium of Welsh.*

**TWO SIGNATORIES ARE REQUIRED**

We hereby accept this additional award of Funding in relation to Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant 2020 -2021- ERW – 03/2020

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature  
An authorised signatory of Pembrokeshire County Council

\_\_\_\_\_ Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Job Title

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