

**National Assembly for Wales
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Consultation on a proposed Financial Education and Inclusion (Wales) Bill

Response from: Wrexham County Borough Council

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- 1. What are your views on making financial education a statutory part of the curriculum (from Key Stage 2 onwards), in a similar way to personal and social education (PSE) and work-related education?**

Financial education should not be made a statutory part of the curriculum as there is already some degree of financial education being delivered in the current curriculum.

- 2. To what extent should there be increased provision of financial education in schools to better prepare young people for the challenges and financial decisions they face beyond school?**

The current provision is satisfactory since it is being delivered via numeracy lessons and mathematics. I understand that it will also be included in the new Numeracy GCSE when it is introduced in 2015, therefore these provisions are sufficient.

- 3. In what ways and to what extent are money and financial matters relevant to what young people should be learning at school?**

Money and financial matters are relevant to what young people should be learning at school but we should be making the link via numeracy lessons.

- 4. If financial education becomes a statutory part of the curriculum, should schools have flexibility in how they follow guidance on its delivery? (This would be similar to PSE and work-related education but different to the way national curriculum subjects are taught).**

Yes.

- 5. What are your views on the Welsh Government and local education authorities having a statutory duty to ensure financial education is delivered during compulsory education from Key Stage 2 onwards?**

Financial education should be delivered via links with the numeracy curriculum in schools.

Schools should be able to continue to opt to deliver the financial qualification at Key Stage 4 where they choose.

- 6. What are your views on imposing a duty on Welsh Ministers to ensure that financial education is taught on a cross-curricular basis in primary and secondary schools and considered as part of any reviews of the curriculum?**

A duty should not be imposed – financial education should be taught primarily in mathematics lessons, making cross-curricular links where possible.