



Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021

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PART 5

CURRICULUM: POST COMPULSORY EDUCATION IN MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

61 Curriculum requirement: Religion, Values and Ethics

- (1) The head teacher of a maintained school must ensure that teaching and learning in Religion, Values and Ethics is provided at the school for pupils who request it.
- (2) The head teacher is to be treated as complying with subsection (1) if the teaching and learning is provided at the school at a time or times which are convenient for the majority of the pupils who have requested it.
- (3) Teaching and learning provided under this section—
 - (a) must reflect the fact that the religious traditions in Wales are mainly Christian, while taking account of the teaching and practices of the other principal religions represented in Wales, and
 - (b) must also reflect the fact that a range of non-religious philosophical convictions are held in Wales.
- (4) In subsection (3), the reference to “philosophical convictions” is to philosophical convictions within the meaning of Article 2 of the First Protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights.
- (5) The governing body of a maintained school must exercise its functions with a view to ensuring that teaching and learning in Religion, Values and Ethics is provided in accordance with this section.
- (6) In this section—

“the European Convention on Human Rights” (*“y Confensiwn Ewropeaidd ar Hawliau Dynol”*) means the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, agreed by the Council of Europe at Rome

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

on 4th November 1950, as it has effect for the time being in relation to the United Kingdom;

“the First Protocol” (“*y Protocol Cyntaf*”), in relation to that Convention, means the protocol to the Convention agreed at Paris on 20th March 1952.