

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Question from Catherine Evans

Schoolchildren have been disproportionately affected by COVID lockdowns and variable provision by schools. Additional PD days to facilitate planning for the new curriculum have further impacted learners.

Will PCC be offering learners their full entitlement to 190 school days per year from now on?

Response

Schools are required to be open to pupils for 190 days in an academic year or 380 sessions by the Education (School Day and School Year) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006.

All schools in Wales operate according to the [School Teachers' Pay and Conditions \(Wales\) Document](#) (STPCD(Wales)) which states that a classroom teacher can be directed by the headteacher to work for up to a maximum of 1,265 hours over 195 days of the year.

A maximum of 190 days involve teaching pupils/students, the remainder being non-teaching days to undertake other duties related to the role of a teacher. These are often known as in-service training days (INSET). In compliance with these regulations, the Powys school term dates and planned non-pupil (INSET) are published on the Powys CC website: [School Term Dates - Powys County Council](#)

[Additional national INSET days 2022 to 2025 | GOV.WALES](#))

The Welsh Government are currently consulting on:

- whether there should be an additional national professional learning INSET day during the 2022 to 2023, 2023 to 2024 and 2024 to 2025 academic years to support the profession with the roll-out of Curriculum for Wales, Additional Learning Needs (ALN) reform and equity in education

- whether schools should be given flexibility on the timing of the additional INSET day
- whether it should be mandated that any additional INSET day is used wholly or partly to deliver professional learning to support delivery of our priorities for the education system in Wales

[Additional national INSET days 2022 to 2025 \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)