

Dear colleague

Just a quick update to share with you two announcements made today by Welsh Government.

The first relates to the decision taken around A, AS and GCSE results. Students will now be graded through teacher assessments. I welcome this decision as I trust our teaching staff implicitly as they know their students well. As such they are best placed to provide these assessments during this challenging and unprecedented times.

The second announcement made today is that £260m of extra funding has been made available to local government in recognition of the additional costs and income lost during the Covid 19 pandemic. Roughly this equates to about £20m for us. Steve Harris and the finance team are currently number crunching and working through the detail of the funding and what we can and can't use it for. This is quite timely, as we are currently reviewing this year and next year's budget.

Quite a busy Monday!

Take care

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