ENSURING ACCESS TO THE FULL CURRICULUM FOR ALL LEARNERS - SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- There is going to be a new curriculum in Wales. It is being designed by teachers in Wales.
- Each part of the new curriculum is important and all the parts are needed so that learners leave school with a broad and balanced education.
- In the current curriculum, parents can prevent their child from going to Religious Education (RE) and sex education lessons¹.
- In the new curriculum, sex education will be replaced by Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE).
- RSE and RE will be compulsory for all children aged 3-16
- We think parents should not be able to prevent their children going to these lessons in future.
- This is because RE and RSE are very important in keeping children safe and helping them understand the world around them.
- We understand that people may have concerns.
- In these lessons information must be suitable for the child's age and development and their background.
- We are asking for views on what it would mean for parents, learners and schools if all learners had to go to RE and RSE lessons in the new curriculum
- We are also asking for views on whether the age range RE and RSE should be extended to 3-16.
- We are also asking for views on whether Religious Education is still the best name for this subject area.
- You can find out more about our proposals and send your views to the Government by completing <u>this form</u>

This is a summary of our proposals – for the full details, please see the <u>consultation</u> <u>document</u> on the Welsh Government's website

¹ A fuller explanation of the current legislation in this area is set out in the <u>consultation document</u>