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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Question From:	County Councillor Iain McIntosh
Subject:	Donaldson Curriculum
Question To:	County Councillor Phyl Davies Portfolio Holder for Education and Property

Question:

Throughout my time on Cabinet, a number of school transformation proposals were discussed during which Education officers and the Cabinet member for education claimed small schools would either struggle, or not be able, to deliver the Donaldson curriculum. This suggestion was repeated today [3 March] by the Cabinet member and director of Education during a full council meeting.

Through Jeremy Miles MS, the Welsh Government has maintained that **all** small schools in Wales **can** deliver the new Donaldson curriculum and, that the new curriculum was designed specifically for, and with the assistance of, small schools (less than 91 pupils).

Can the portfolio holder therefore please confirm whether schools in Powys can deliver the new curriculum, or not?

If our schools **cannot** deliver the curriculum, can Powys County Council please inform Welsh Government, without delay, that it is the view of this authority that our schools cannot deliver the curriculum? I also urge this authority to insist Welsh Government review the curriculum to ensure it is fit for purpose.

If our schools **can** deliver the curriculum, can the portfolio holder and education department please stop suggesting that schools cannot deliver the curriculum and stop using this suggestion as a reason to close small schools within Powys.