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## **QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

Response by the Portfolio Holder:

The workload to effectively introduce the new curriculum is a significant challenge. It is more difficult in our smaller schools to engage with the professional learning and workshops that we are promoting as in a small school the same person has to attend and that person is often a teaching headteacher. In schools with more staff the workload can be spread out.

That does not mean that smaller schools cannot deliver the new curriculum but the workload demands on them are significant. This has been the constant message from officers within the education service and also being clearly articulated from headteachers themselves who are finding it increasingly challenging to deal with all the changes.

Our officers work very closely with Welsh Government officials and sit on all working groups regarding the National Mission. Curriculum readiness has been a key aspect of that work with clear messages regarding workload being part of that narrative.