

Read on to find out why PISA is important and the support available to schools. PISA will take place in November 2022, following their postponement in 2021. Pearson, the coordinating organisation, will be contacting schools to take part after February half term.

As we collectively deliver a new curriculum for Wales, raising standards in a national endeavour we all share, PISA 2022 will take a sample of our education system and help us jointly identify the most appropriate next steps.

As part of our ongoing cycle of evaluation and improvement in Wales, it provides an opportunity to understand young people, gauge their wellbeing and skills, and learn from their experiences as we emerge from the pandemic,

It will play an important part in our approach to recovery and improvement, helping us to understand both our current position and schools' provision over the past two years.

We appreciate the current pressure schools, staff and learners are under, and therefore recognise that support to those participating is crucial to minimise any additional workload for schools.

The consortia will provide support for all schools participating. Their support will be supplemented by guidance from experienced system leaders, who will be available to assist participating schools' preparation for this PISA cycle.

What will sampled schools be asked to do?

- The assessment will take place on a date provided by the national provider, Pearson in November 2022, lasting around half a day.
- It will comprise two one-hour assessments and a 45 minute pupil questionnaire. The main domain is mathematical literacy. Learners will also attempt questions on scientific literacy and reading. However, PISA produces a broader set of information than the purely academic: the questionnaire will include questions on wellbeing and learner experiences, with some reference to the pandemic.
- There is also a questionnaire to be completed by the head teacher with a focus on school leadership, school climate and resources.
- A nominated lead in the school will also work with Pearson, supported by a Systems Leader to prepare logistics for the day, including confirming accuracy of the pupil sample and checks of IT equipment.

More information about Pisa is available at <https://www.oecd.org/pisa/>