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Dear Head of Centre

Following our [announcement](#) last week about the contingency approach for GCSEs, AS and A levels in summer 2022, we would like to give you more information about the publication of our guidance. We currently plan for initial guidance to be published after half term. It will give centres an overview of the requirements that need consideration at this point should the summer 2022 exam series be cancelled and contingency assessment arrangements implemented. Alongside this, [WJEC](#) will publish Qualification Assessment Frameworks for each subject as well as supporting assessment guidance and information.

We will continue to work with WJEC and other stakeholders to produce further guidance on the contingency assessment arrangements for summer 2022. However, we would like to reiterate that the contingency arrangements will only be implemented if a decision is made by [Welsh Government](#) to cancel exams.

Preparing for the summer 22 exam series

We are aware that some centres plan to run mock exams after half term to prepare their learners for exams this summer. Centres may be planning as part of their contingency assessment arrangements to use the outcomes from these mock exams as evidence of attainment if the production of centre determined grades is subsequently required. If this is the case, centres must inform learners that the outcomes of these assessments could be used as part of the evidence to determine their grade if exams are cancelled in advance of the mock exams taking place.

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Learners should be informed of any other type of assessment that could potentially be used as evidence of attainment. However, it needs to be clear to learners that this does not mean that all and any work they complete might be used as evidence.

Centres should also review data processing privacy notices to take account of the possibility that centre assessments could be used as evidence of attainment if the contingency arrangements are implemented.

Preparing for the winter 21/22 exam series

We have updated the [joint contingency plan](#) providing guidance to schools and colleges on what to do if exams are seriously disrupted. Please familiarise yourself with the document ahead of the upcoming winter examination series.

Yours sincerely



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