

7 August 2025

Dear ,

ATISN 24924

Thank you for your request which I received on 10/7/2025. You asked for:

What each key stage group in Wales learns about slavery, including Arab-Muslim slave trade from 7th to 20th Century and the Barbary slave trade as part of the National Curriculum.

Our response

The information that you requested is publicly held.

In September 2022 Wales introduced the [Curriculum for Wales](#) which is a national framework for learners aged 3 to 16.

The Curriculum sets out mandatory statements of what matters which schools are legally required to include in their curriculum. Within the [Humanities](#) area these require schools to enable learners to *'make sense of the world through a variety of events and experiences ... [and] to critically review the ways these events and experiences are perceived, interpreted and represented'*.

This also requires schools to enable learners: *'to develop a common understanding of the diverse history, cultural heritage, ethnic diversity, identities, experiences and perspectives of their local area, Wales and the wider world'*.

The supporting statutory guidance states learners should develop understanding of concepts like power, inequality, conflict and empire. Schools must ensure their approach is pluralistic, meaning that teaching should be factual and where issues of values and interpretation are concerned, they should present learners with a number of different views held

The Curriculum for Wales empowers schools to make decisions based on the needs of their learners. It is for schools to select the specific topics and contexts that will enable learners to progress.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,

Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,