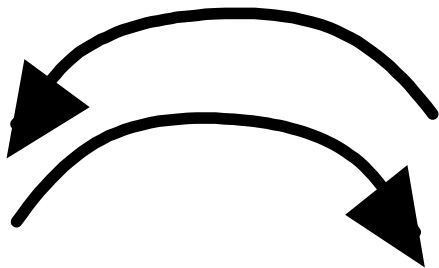


Coronavirus



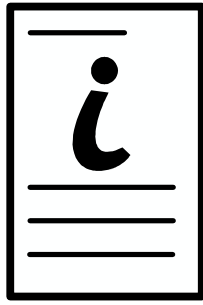
In March 2020, people in Wales had to stay at home because of Coronavirus.

It meant that life changed for a lot of us.

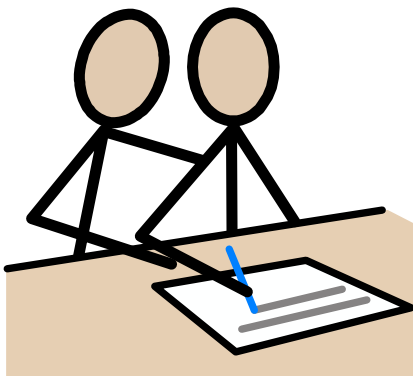


And it meant that the way children learn, play, and get more help if they need it changed a lot too.

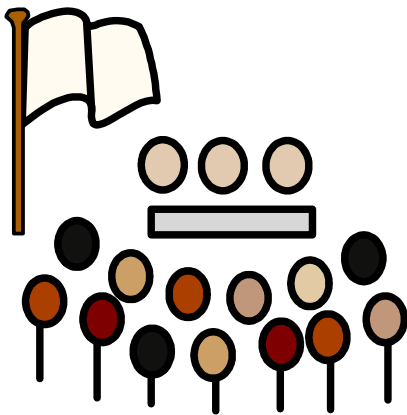




Our Report

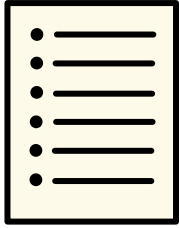


This report is about what we have done since March 2020 to help children and young people in Wales.



It's also about how children and young people have been helped by others like the Welsh Government, and if they could have done more.





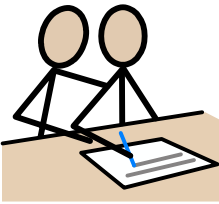
Our main aims

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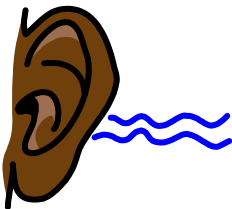
When we knew about everyone staying at home, we wanted to do 4 main things.



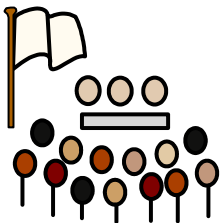
1. We wanted to make sure you had information and help that you could trust.



2. We wanted to make sure that you got the help you needed



3. We wanted to make sure you were listened to



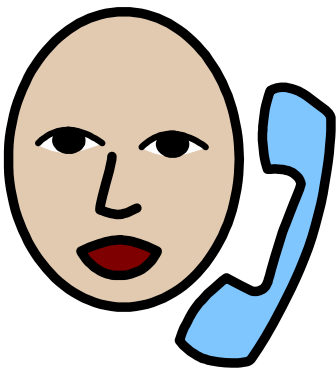
4. We wanted to help Welsh Government listen to you and what you wanted





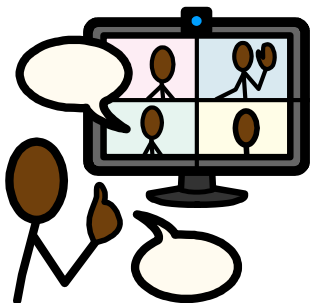
What about our other work?

We kept doing all the things we were doing before.



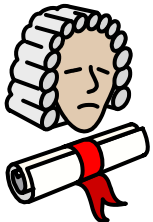
We made sure you could ring us if you had a problem.

We gave advice to children, young people and adults.




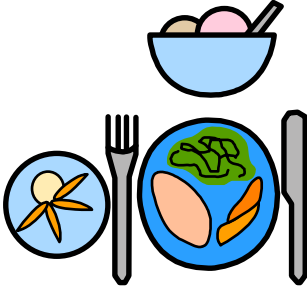
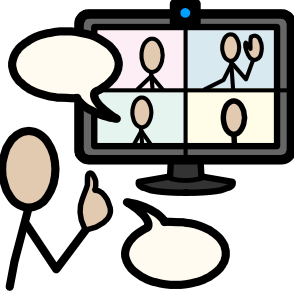
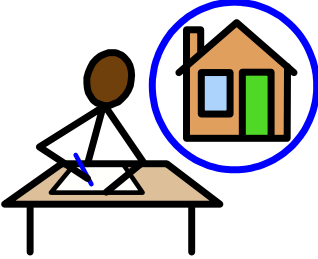

We listened to you.

We met with groups online to talk about problems.



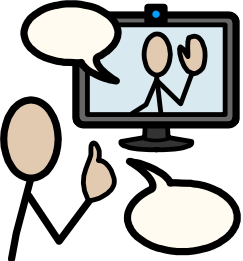
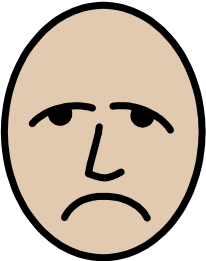



We've kept telling the Government what we think they need to change in new laws and rules so that they do what is best for children



	<p>What did Welsh government and other organisations do well?</p>
	<p>Welsh Government made sure children who have free school meals were fed in the Easter and summer holidays.</p> <p>We want this to keep happening all year round.</p>
	<p>People who work with children and organisations like the Urdd, Play Wales and Natural Resources Wales thought of new ways to help children play and stay active.</p>
	<p>Almost all children had contact with their school when they were at home.</p>
	<p>Social services teams stayed open and changed the way they worked to make sure they could still speak to children and families.</p>

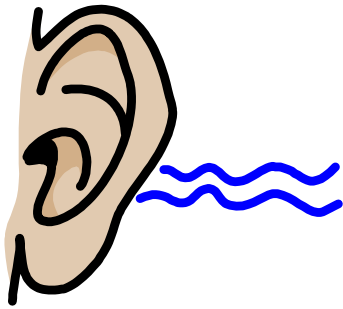


	<h2>What could have been better?</h2>
	<p>Welsh Government stopped some important work they were doing to help children who usually learn at home, and go to private schools.</p>
	<p>The Welsh Government did not tell children or schools what they should expect to happen with online learning, and children across Wales had very different experiences.</p> <p>Lots of children found it difficult to understand the work they were sent.</p>
	<p>Lots of young people were unhappy about the exam results they received in August that felt unfair.</p> <p>The Education Minister decided to give GCSE and A-Level students the grades their teachers thought they would receive.</p>
	<p>Some of the information given to children and young people could have been clearer.</p>

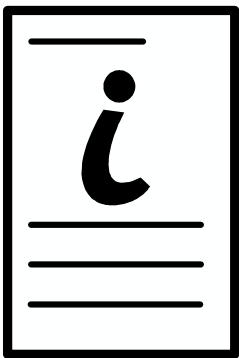




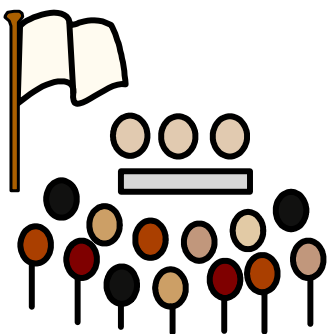
What will we do next?



We will keep listening to children and young people and tell the Government and others what they need to do to help children



We will publish new reports showing how the time at home has affected different groups of young people.



We will look at why Welsh Government stopped the important work they were doing to help children who usually learn at home, and go to private schools

