

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Exams Officer/Head of Department for Child Development/Home Economics

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Subject: GCSE Home Economics: Child Development – J441

EXTENSION OF GCSE WILL HELP TRANSITION TO OCR CAMBRIDGE NATIONAL

Following Ofqual publishing their most [recent decisions](#) on subjects to be reformed or withdrawn before first teaching in 2017, we are now able to offer our GCSE in Child Development until final assessment in 2018.

We will take the opportunity with this extension to support centres through the changes and allow them more time to make the transition to the Cambridge National.

We are still developing a Cambridge National Certificate in Child Development Level 1/2 for first teaching in September 2016, meaning that there will be a one-year overlap between the qualifications. This overlap will allow centres the choice to transfer at a time most suitable to them and their candidates and will particularly help centres plan their KS4 learning over three years.

We appreciate that there are implications regarding the set tasks for Controlled Assessment of the current GCSE qualification. As the 2018 decision is so recent, we are still reviewing this situation and will contact you again as soon as the final decision has been made.

When we have more information to share we will continue to update centres through our [subject information updates](#).

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